

# University of Colorado Colorado Springs



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY  
COMMENCEMENT

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MAY 13, 2016

## FROM THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY TO THE CLASS OF 2016

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 350,000 strong. Congratulations on achieving this milestone. Well done and well earned!

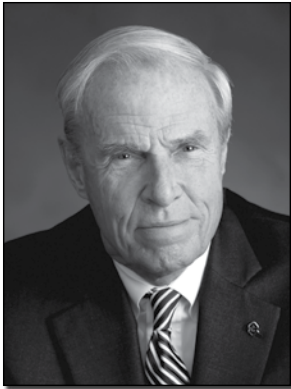
### THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY TO THE CLASS OF 2016



May 13, 2016

Dear University of Colorado Graduate,

Congratulations on earning your degree from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

This is a monumental time in your life and the lives of those who have supported you. Your graduation in 2016 is all the more memorable because you are graduating during UCCS' Golden Anniversary Commencement. We take great pride in what we have accomplished at UCCS, just as we take pride in your accomplishments at UCCS.

Accepting your degree after years of self-sacrifice and dedication is one of life's greatest achievements. When you walk away from this exciting day, my hope is that you will do so with a passion to pursue your dreams. Never forget how the university shaped you and prepared you to face life's challenges. Expect nothing but the best from yourself and those who surround you on your journey through life.

Students who have passed through the campus's classrooms, laboratories, lecture halls and libraries have emerged with a greater understanding of their place in the world. The University of Colorado community is proud of you and your accomplishments. As you leave here to start careers, draw on your academic achievements at UCCS to help you succeed and inspire others.

I still remember the deep sense of pride I felt when I accepted my geology degree from the University of Colorado. My education has served me well over the years, and I am sure yours will, too. Welcome to the generations of alumni around the globe who carry that pride within them. Our collective legacy has been to leave a positive and meaningful mark on Colorado and the world.

Today is your day to shine and share your accomplishments with your family and friends. We wish you success, prosperity, happiness and good health in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce D. Benson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce D. Benson

President of the University of Colorado

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## FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF UCCS TO THE CLASS OF 2016



May 13, 2016

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on reaching this milestone achievement – the completion of your degree from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. At the same time you are celebrating your accomplishment, our first graduates are celebrating their own – their 50th graduation anniversary during our golden anniversary commencement.

I am extremely proud of the 2016 graduating class. You represent the best of what our student body has dared to dream. Your academic achievements are represented by the high scores on licensure exams, as well as the notable number of you offered jobs without interview as a direct result of your consummate internship work. Your hard work is the best predictor of your future success.

I am gratified by the number of first generation college graduates who are sharing this day with family. Many of you also faced challenging decisions and situations that made you all the more determined to reach your college dream. You are an inspiration to me and to those celebrating in your success, today. Your UCCS degree will only increase in value across your lifetime.

Welcome to the family of UCCS graduates. I am honored we could be a part of your journey, and I look forward to seeing the spread and influence of Mountain Lion tracks across our city, state, nation, and world. We move forward with excitement about what accomplishments the next 50 years of graduates will achieve.

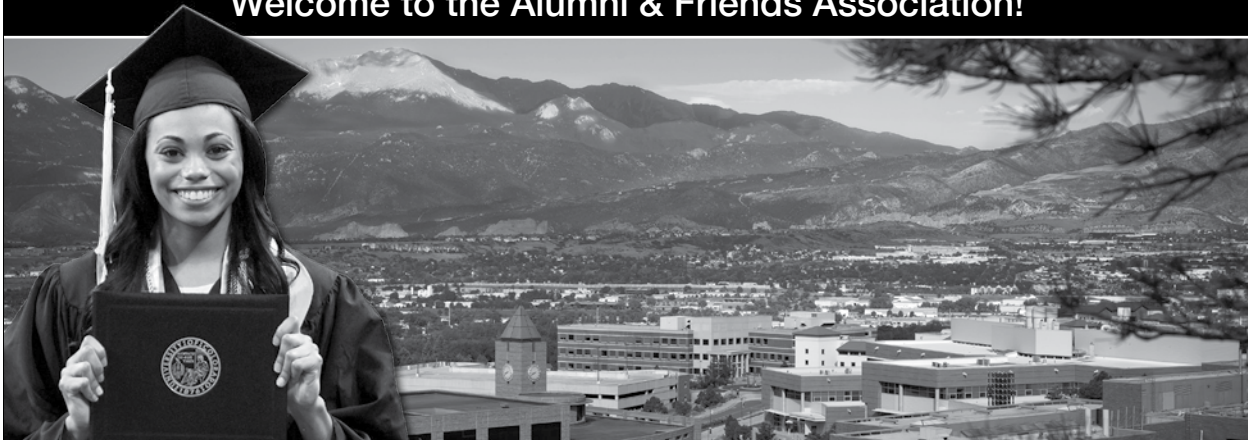
Best of luck to all of you in your future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Shockley-Zalabak".

Pam Shockley-Zalabak  
Chancellor

## Welcome to the Alumni & Friends Association!



Celebrate the memories that will last a lifetime and receive a special message from alumni who have gone before you at [alumni.uccs.edu](http://alumni.uccs.edu)





## UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO MEDAL



KEVIN KRATT

Where others see blight, Kevin Kratt sees opportunity.

He is a member of the board of directors for Regional Connect which bridges UCCS and community partnerships, served as a fundraising leader for the under-construction UCCS Ent Center for the Arts, and is a member of both the CU Ambassadors and the CU Foundation Board of Trustees. He is also the former chairman and current member of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Board of Directors and an active supporter of the Cheyenne Mountain School District in Colorado Springs.

Kratt is president and founder of Kratt Commercial Properties, the co-developer of University Village Colorado (UVC) on the western edge of UCCS property. UVC is the first urban renewal retail project for Colorado Springs. In revitalizing North Nevada Avenue near campus, he worked closely with UCCS faculty, staff and students to understand what commercial needs best complimented the university.

Now, a combination of small shops offering a variety of services, restaurants and large national retailers take the place of dilapidated motels and auto repair shops that once were the gateway to campus. He began a program for UCCS sculpture students in which two installations are selected annually for display along North Nevada. Eight student sculptures adorn the UVC Art Walk, providing students the opportunity to both build and showcase their creativity.

Additionally, more than 500 students now work at UVC stores while continuing their educations at UCCS.

While UVC is the closest shopping center to UCCS, it is not the only Kratt Commercial Properties endeavor. Other projects include Broadmoor Towne Center, Cheyenne Mountain Center and The Shops at Falcon Landing. Since entering the Colorado real estate market in 1985, Kratt has dedicated his career exclusively to the development and full-service brokerage of retail shopping centers.

UCCS lauds Kevin Kratt for his leadership and commitment to the university. The University of Colorado Board of Regents is proud to present him the 2016 University Medal in recognition of his contributions and support.

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## UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO MEDAL

*University Medals are awarded in recognition of those persons whose achievements and contributions are particularly associated with the university.*

## THE NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES

*(From the baccalaureate address by President George Norlin, of the University of Colorado, June 1935)*

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

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

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

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

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

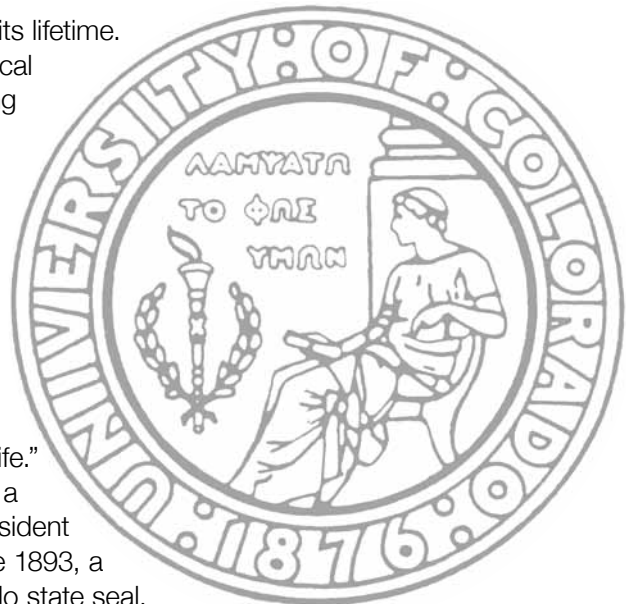
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## THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

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.





## MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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

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

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

## MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS

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

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

## VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS

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

## THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

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

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

When American colleges and universities began to establish themselves in the 17th century, they adopted the same chain of office tradition from their European counterparts. Each chain of office is as unique as the institution it represents. In most designs a prominent medallion or shield is suspended from a series of links. The central piece usually bears the institution’s official seal or logo, and it may be enhanced with enamel in the official colors of the school.

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

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

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

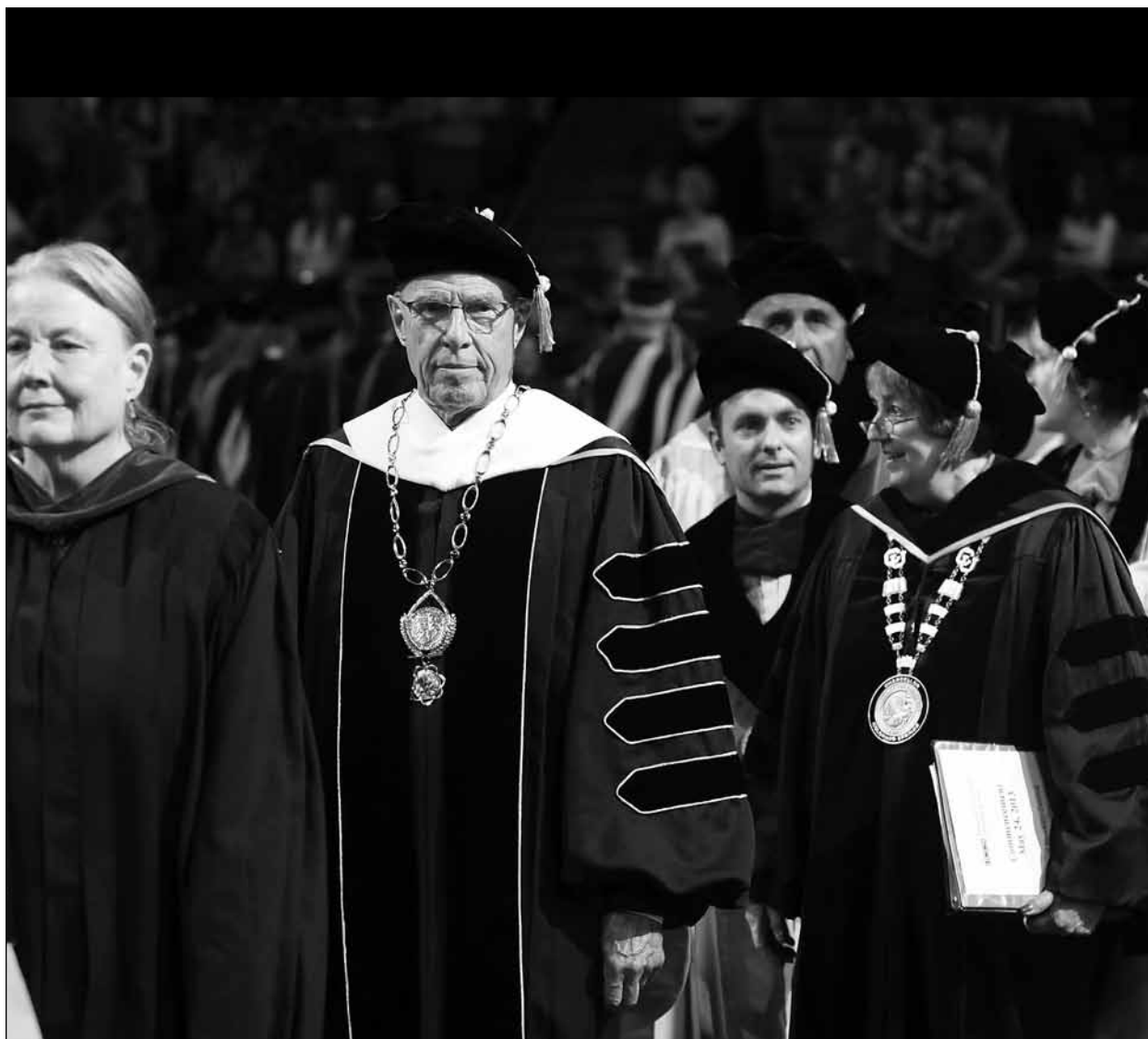
Three pendants are suspended on the chain. The back pendant is the seal of the State of Colorado surrounded by a golden ribbon representing the golden “Circle of Knowledge.” The top pendant in the front, the seal of the University of Colorado surmounted by an arch set with diamond and topaz, signifies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

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

The presidents of the University of Colorado are:

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





## THE CHANCELLOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

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

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

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

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| Lawrence Silverman | 1974-1977 | Dwayne Nuzum         | 1986-1993    |
| Don Schwartz       | 1978-1982 | Linda Bunnell Shade  | 1993-2001    |
| Neal Lane          | 1984-1986 | Pam Shockley-Zalabak | 2002-present |

## ACADEMIC DRESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

### DOCTORATE TASSEL COLORS

Doctor of Philosophy . . . . . *Old Gold*  
Doctor of Nursing Practice. . . . . *Apricot*

### MASTER TASSEL COLORS

Master of Science/Sciences (Beth-El) . . . . . *Gold*  
Master of Business Administration. . . . . *Sapphire*  
Master of Criminal Justice . . . . . *Peacock*  
Master of Public Administration . . . . . *Peacock*  
Master of Arts (Education) . . . . . *White*  
Master of Sciences (Education) . . . . . *Gold*  
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. . . . . *White*  
Engineering . . . . . *Orange*  
Letters, Arts and Sciences. . . . . *White*



## HONORS DESIGNATIONS DESCRIPTIONS

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

### *with Honors*

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.

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

### **University Honors**

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

### **Mountain Lion Honors**

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

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| Robynne Dahl       | Jennifer Hane*   | Nereida Macias        | Michael Schaller     |                      |
| Carolyn Daley      | Stephanie        | Emanuelita Martinez   | Krystal Schiffelbein |                      |
| Jeff Davis         | Hanenberg        | Drew Martorella       | Ben Sloan            |                      |
| Marcus Davis       | Katie Harris     | Linda Matthies        | Alegra Smith         |                      |
| Alejandro Dejesus  | Marian Harris*   | KrisAnn McBroom       | Stephanie Smith      |                      |
| Paul Deniston      | Hope Hoch        | Rashell McCann        | Steve Smith          |                      |

\*Lead Coordinators

### 2015-2016 RETIREES

|                               |                         |                                  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| John Balyeat (faculty)        | Lynda Dickson (faculty) | Jim Muniz (staff)                |
| Julie Brewster (staff)        | Sandra Harness (staff)  | Valerie Sievers (faculty)        |
| Chris Burrows (staff)         | Gail Katz (faculty)     | Paul Sondrol (faculty)           |
| Marguerite A. Cantu (faculty) | Michael Kenny (faculty) | Teri Switzer (administration)    |
| Frederick Crowley (faculty)   | Debbie Lapioli (staff)  | R. Jerry Wilson (administration) |
| Perrin Cunningham (staff)     | Don Morley (faculty)    |                                  |

### "IN MEMORIAM"

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Christopher Coleman, student                          | Geriann Henderson, student     |
| Tyler Frillici, Verification Counselor, Financial Aid | Vicki Schofield, student       |
| Margaret "Peggy" Kelly Giblin,                        | Elijah Sharp, student          |
| former faculty member, College of Education           | Tomas Sterling Spiers, student |
| Michael Hackman, Professor,                           |                                |
| Communication Department                              |                                |





### AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Oh Beautiful for spacious skies  
For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

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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?

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### CU ALMA MATER

Hail, all Hail our Alma Mater  
Ever will our hearts be true  
You will live with us forever  
Loyal we will be to you.  
We will sing forever your praises  
Ever more our love renew  
Pledge our whole devotion to you  
Dear Old CU!

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF COMMENCEMENT

### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

In 2009, the UCCS administration decided to showcase a graduate as the main speaker during the Spring Commencement ceremonies. They chose the recipients of the Student Achievement Award to be the speakers.

The Student Achievement Award is an annual award presented to a student who has 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)

The award has been in existence since 1982 and is presented during the annual Campus Awards Ceremony during the Spring semester.

Graduate Commencement speakers:

|      |                         |      |                                 |
|------|-------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| 2009 | Michael Reyes           | 2014 | Chris Richey (morning)          |
| 2010 | Caleb Rainey            |      | Paige Wilson (afternoon)        |
| 2011 | Benjamin Jourdan        | 2015 | Dylan Shuster (morning)         |
| 2012 | Mary Commerford         |      | Matthew Prichard (afternoon)    |
| 2013 | Maria Tobin (morning)   | 2016 | Christopher Roth (morning)      |
|      | Jesse Perez (afternoon) |      | Tanweer Saleem Baig (afternoon) |





## ORDER OF EXERCISES, 10:30 AM

### College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

#### DR. LAUREN BACON BRENGARTH, COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL UCCS MARSHAL'S CLUB MEMBER\*

##### Prelude

Instrumental Music . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts Honors Ensemble  
Directed by Music Program Director Glen Whitehead

##### Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance Military March No. 1 in D, Op. 39, No*

– Arranged by Joseph Proskakoff . . . . . Pianist Angelina Gadeliya

##### Ceremony

*America the Beautiful (Lyrics on page 13)* . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts Graduates  
Erik Brevik and Ashley Timmermeyer  
Directed by Instructor Solveig Olsen

*The National Anthem (Lyrics on page 13)* . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts University Choir  
Directed by Instructor Solveig Olsen

UCCS Chancellor's Welcome . . . . . Chancellor Pamela Shockley-Zalabak

University of Colorado President's Remarks . . . . . President Bruce Benson

Senior Class Gift . . . . . SGA President Zachary Woolweaver

Congratulations from 2016 Student Achievement Award Recipient . . . . . Graduate Christopher Roth  
B.A. in Psychology  
B.A. in Communication

Presentation of University Medal . . . . . Mr. Kevin Kratt

##### Conferring of Advanced Degrees (page 16)

Recognition of Honors Graduates . . Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Terry Schwartz

##### Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees (page 18)

Initiation of Graduates into Alumni and Friends Association . . . . . Graduate Andrea Moeller  
Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Representative

Charge to the Graduates . . . . . Regent Stephen Ludwig

*Alma Mater (Lyrics on page 13)* . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts Instructor Solveig Olsen

##### Recessional

Music . . . . . Pianist Angelina Gadeliya

\* 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.

## CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

*The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in May 2016. Graduates will receive their diploma jackets by walking across the commencement stage in two lines in order of college or school listed in the program.*

### GRADUATE SCHOOL

Kelli Klebe, Dean

#### PH.D. – APPLIED SCIENCE

James Vedral (*emphasis in Physics*)

*“Analysis, Characterization, and Application of Microwave Metamaterials”*

#### PH.D. – PSYCHOLOGY

Samantha John\* (*emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology*)

*“The Unity and Diversity of Neuropsychological Tasks of Executive Functioning: Construct and Ecological Validity of Common Assessment Measures”*

Brenna Renn\* (*emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology*)

*“Healthy Mind, Healthy Body: Modeling Psychological Determinants of Physical Activity in Midlife”*

*\*Summer or Fall 2016 graduate walking in Spring 2016 ceremony following successful defense of dissertation; internship completion Summer or Fall 2016.*



## CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS, AND SCIENCES

Peter Braza, Dean

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

Anna Marie Cordova  
Adriana Morken

Tyler Hull Stuart

Shannon Nicole Thomas

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Ralica Rangelova<sup>3</sup>*

Yasser Khalid Alabdulkarim  
Khlood Abdullah Alshahab  
Rania Arab  
Megan JoEl Buckner

Lency Chiles  
Thomas William Ebersole  
Angela Guido  
Christopher Lujan

Jason Maxwell  
Dustin Colin Nunnelley  
Ralica Rangelova<sup>3</sup>  
Leyla A. Sparks

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Joseph Emerson Berg, Megan Murphy, and Holly Patricia Taylor*

Joseph Emerson Berg  
Andrea Jo Martens

Megan Murphy  
Michael B. Stark

Kimberley Ann Sweetwood  
Holly Patricia Taylor

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Natalie Gordon  
Young Chin Park

Leah Parker<sup>3</sup>  
Jennifer Marie Poe

Nicole Streeb  
Carolyn Marie Yeager

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Ryan Lewis Merrifield*

Rose M. Glanton  
Joshua Steven Husman  
Mark Irvine

Jeffrey McCloy  
Ryan Lewis Merrifield

Mikaela Amber Resende  
Mahlagha Torkashvand

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

Katherine Mary Cliff

Ikuko Saito

#### DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN BIOLOGY

Zachary Garrett

Kande Jones

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN MATHEMATICS

Ronald Broberg

Sujee Shin

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN PHYSICS

Connor Wood

Joseph Woods

<sup>3</sup>Student walking through ceremony under assumption of requirement completion by the end of the following semester.

## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS, AND SCIENCES

Peter Braza, Dean

#### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Jason Simpson, Austin Spiller, David A. Stielow*

|                         |                        |   |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Nadia Bechtold          | Ryan Dale Flye         | Jason Simpson*                                  |
| Dylan Winchester Becker | Ian M. Galland         | Jessica Spiker                                  |
| Heather Belveal**       | Mark Anthony Garcia    | Austin Spiller***                               |
| Nicole Rae Brown        | Michael P. Pauls       | David A. Stielow**,<br>with Highest Distinction |
| Austin J. Carpenter     | Andrew David Schips*   |   |
| Kevin David Christensen | Michael Joseph Sharkey |   |

#### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOLOGY

|  |                          |                        |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Stephanie Baron**                                    | Calye Marie Darrow       | Joanna Ross            |
| Kem Brewer*  | Jacqueline Fraser        | Kirstie Stahlnecker*   |
| Laura Jasmine Cerda                                  | Alexandra Lauren Millard | Shannon Kay Triplett   |
| William Cary Covington,<br>with Mountain Lion Honors | Miranda Nichole Miller   | with University Honors |
|  | Tamara Ellen Miller      | Cortney Lee Underwood  |

#### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHEMISTRY

|   |  |                     |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Bradley Bottolfson*                             | Phuong Kieu Nguyen*  | Sierra Dawn Roths** |
| Matthew Richard Fera,<br>with University Honors | David Alexander Orban**,<br>with High Distinction,<br>with University Honors |                     |

#### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Christopher James Fant, Palmira Sousa Frye, Graciella Danielle Gatto, Laria Cecilia Martinez-DeLeon, Kristin Scherb*

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Elaf Abdulaziz Alrefaei                       | Graciella Danielle Gatto                       | Evan Musick*                                   |
| Josiah David Anthony                          | Samantha Gibson*                               | Alexander James Nedd                           |
| Christopher James Austin                      | Meghan E. Gilman*                              | Anthony Parsons*                               |
| William Charles Bluejacket                    | Tracee Michelle Gray                           | Tyler Patterson**                              |
| Kayleigh Bortolutti                           | Morgan Green                                   | Rachel Morgan Phillippi*                       |
| Sara Elizabeth Brackett                       | Hays Hansen Griswold                           | Matt Charles Pickett                           |
| Joshua N. Brickens                            | Dylan James                                    | Grady Ellis Rogers                             |
| D'angelo Burgin,<br>with Mountain Lion Honors | Renita Marie Jenkins                           | Christopher Taylor Roth                        |
| Celeste Elizabeth Burnham                     | Clint Walter Johnson                           | Sonia Ruelas*                                  |
| Alaysia Shanelle Cauley                       | Daniel Cody Jones                              | Sarah Anne Saleck                              |
| Hailey Nichole Clark                          | Rosemarie Knox**                               | James Salkeld                                  |
| Dillon Kristensen Clayton*                    | Hannah Marie Kuechle                           | Kristin Scherb***,<br>with Highest Distinction |
| Brandon Crusha                                | Sarah Lankford                                 | Young Chan Shin*                               |
| Carson S. Day*                                | Maryah Lauer**                                 | Catharine Anne Smith                           |
| Aaron Ulises De La Cruz                       | Tyler Lopez                                    | Bryan Richard Spiess                           |
| Maldonado                                     | Kimberly Marsh                                 | Samantha Josephine Stapleton                   |
| Kaitlyn Marie Disney                          | Laria Cecilia Martinez-DeLeon                  | Shelby Steele*                                 |
| Alison Renee Egbers                           | Gregory Matthews                               | Douglas Carlyle Stephens                       |
| Tess Marie Enos*,<br>with Highest Distinction | Kyle David McCloskey                           | Toby Todd Sturtevant                           |
| Jenette Fahey                                 | Robert McDougal                                | Nikki Sylvester                                |
| Christopher James Fant**                      | Joshua Steven Megyeri                          | Christine Thompson                             |
| Howard Calvin Feller                          | Alexandra Melsness*                            | Jonathan J. Toman**                            |
| Palmira Sousa Frye*                           | Andrea Nichol Moeller                          | Emilio Luis Trujillo                           |
| Taylor Garcia*                                | Ashley Ann Montano**,<br>with High Distinction | Brittany Cheyanne Tucker*                      |
|   | Richard Moricz                                 | Ashley Caitline Tyminas*                       |

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## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Jason Velarde  
Angela VerStraete  
Jacob B. Weaver

Edward Howard Williams  
Alan Danger Wilson  
Iwalani Wolff,  
*with Highest Distinction*

Brett Alan Yager  
Amariz Vitalina Zamora\*\*\*

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DISTRIBUTED STUDIES

John W. Zavada

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

Carissa Cotter\*,  
*with High Distinction*  
Evan Thomas Daniel  
Kaitlynn T. Davis\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Danielle Dean

James William Fleckenstein  
Jonathan Majors Harris\*\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Sebastian H. Hertzberg  
Tiffany Johnson

Allison Hayley Parkin  
Alex Scharifker  
Ashley Skinner  
Veronika Walker  
Kristina C. Winchell

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Christopher Michael Bacavis\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Devan Ballard\*\*  
Cassidy Baur\*\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Sloan Bousseilaire\*\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Katherine Bray\*  
Cheri Rene' Burgin  
Alexis Rosalie Butler  
Mary Christi Carmack\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Casidy Lee Castello  
Nicole Jo Cobb\*  
Stephanie A. Dears\*\*  
Rebecca Lynn Draper  
Lauryn Noel Dultz\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Genevieve C. Fellhauer  
Megan Christine Fleming  
William Burke Franks

Celina Estrella Fumo  
Cara Ann Giovenco\*\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Shauna Lyn Good\*\*  
Alex Steven Gordon\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Kaylie Jayne Hajek  
Erin Danielle Halverson\*\*  
Ana Bertha Hernandez  
Nathan Cole Jett  
Lindsey Michelle Jobe\*\*  
Jeanice Rochelle Jones\*\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Jennifer Karr  
Zachary James Knutsen  
Valerie Larson  
Chelsey Mallory  
Andrea Marcolongo\*  
Patrick Russell McClellan  
Hannah Osborn\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*

Ashley Owen\*\*\*  
Elizabeth A. Pearce\*\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Sarah Elizabeth Penick\*\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Maria Adoracion Hidalgo Pepito  
Jonathan Andrew Powers\*\*\*,  
*with Highest Distinction*  
Sarah Raymond  
Katherine M. Seite  
Scarlett Leigh Skillman  
Hannah Elizabeth Smith\*\*  
Rachel Stevenson  
Mikael Collin Stotts  
Ethan Sterling Sylvester  
Leah Yoshiko Takada  
Allison Marie Tucker  
Benjamin Ernesto Vargas\*  
Jessica Venturi\*\*

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

Paul Accola  
Daniel Ackeret  
Dylan Winchester Becker  
Diane Marko Besmer\*\*\*  
Robert Matthew Bishop\*\*  
Timothy Bishop  
Katherine Cahill  
Joshua O. Camacho  
Jacob Daniel Christensen  
Jennifer Dalton\*\*  
Courtney Elise Deckenbach  
Jodi Lane Elam  
Mary B. Etheridge  
Vanessa Feron  
Dominick Fraccica

Kristen Frier  
Susanna Gaerlan  
Taylor Evan Gebhart  
Megan Bracken Hedley  
William Taylor Hotop  
Kayla Inks  
Tracy Jacobs  
Michael Jack Jacobson  
Michael Joseph Kochanowski\*  
Michelle Kosley  
Deanna Ivette Moulton  
Malcolm Parton Nichols  
Sarah Meagan Nichols\*\*  
Sarah Jane O'Brien\*\*\*  
Brianna Nicole Perez-Jara

Kevin Pflug\*\*\*  
Randi Pratt  
Teshia Lee Redwine\*\*  
Rachel J. Ricci\*  
Melanie Elishia Riffle\*\*  
Amanda Christine Roark  
Daniel Michael Rodriguez  
Andrew Michael Schinsky  
Rachel Shaffer  
Rachel Louise Taylor\*\*\*  
Jason Walton  
Alanna Wedum  
Jeanne Lee Westmoreland  
Amethyst Yale\*

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## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Kyle Jeremy Blaus-Plissner, Carey Samuel Smith*

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| Olivia Katherine Bartole   | Elena Renee Hank*,<br><i>with Distinction</i>                  | Michael P. Pauls  |
| Courtney Begley  | Kristina Nicole Havens*  | Daniel Peters   |
| Heather Belveal**  | Jessica Dawn Hightower**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>      | Thomas Henry Price**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>     |
| Kyle Jeremy Blaus-Plissner**,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i> | Deborah Darlene Holland***,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i> | Rachel Ann Riecke   |
| Patrick John Bloemen   | Robert William Hopkins   | Annika Rogers**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>          |
| Nicole Rae Blough  | Samantha Hunt  | Kelli Schafer   |
| Taylor Nicole Braden   | Christina Ingram   | Candice Schenk  |
| Courtney Hannah Brewner  | Rose Elizabeth Kutsch  | Katelyn Nicole Schneider                                  |
| Zachary Buchanan   | Stephen Michael Kynor,<br><i>with Distinction</i>              | Rebekah Shirin*   |
| Christopher Lee Casella  | Patrick Lee, <i>with High Distinction</i>                      | Carey Samuel Smith***,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i> |
| Maria Elena Consuela Cordova                                     | Wilmot Jacob Lockhart  | Sarah E. Smith  |
| Kylie Cornella   | Aaron Lucore   | Timothy Daniel Soderlund                                  |
| Danica Lynn Cox  | Megan Martin, <i>with Distinction</i>                          | Caitlyn Raye Tandy  |
| Samantha Nicole Crofford   | Jamie M. Martinez*   | Brooke Nicole Tominello                                   |
| Kayla Crosbie  | Linda Merritt*, <i>with Distinction</i>                        | Timothy Vilgiate  |
| Andrea Falkenburg**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>             | Bradley Todd Neighbors   | Lillian Mabel Villavicencio                               |
| Stephanie Fields   | Kyle J. Newkirk**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>             | Jason James Wade  |
| Marcella Jone Fishman  | Audriana Nichole Packard                                       | Krista L. Zampacorta,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>     |
| Daniel Abe Fortas  |  |   |
| Cheryl Vanessa Franklin  |  |   |
| Joshua Lee Glasener  |  |   |

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MATHEMATICS

|                   |                |                  |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Katrina Biele**   | Laura Horner** | Shane Richmond** |
| Rachel Drawbond** |                |                  |

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Ian Clark Brands  | Margaret Deborah Foley*,<br><i>with Highest Distinction,</i><br><i>with Mountain Lion Honors</i> | William Ladnier                                  |
| Kevin John Broeils  | Olivia Marie Galletta  | Andrew David Lawrence                            |
| Zac K. Bryant,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>                      | Raphael Gooden, <i>with Distinction</i>  | Patrick Lee,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i>  |
| Maire Frances Therese Carmack**,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i> | Camille Harrison   | Raul Alejandro Medina                            |
| Courtney Eldred,<br><i>with Distinction</i>                         | Jarred Lucas Jennings*,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>  | Kris Miller, <i>with Highest Distinction</i>     |
|   |  | Katie Ann Montgomery,<br><i>with Distinction</i> |
|   |  | Christopher Eldahl Olsen**                       |

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

|   |                          |                                 |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Audra Ball**  | Rachel Jordan Heckroth** | Christopher Eldahl Olsen**      |
| Jeremiah Lucas Burton                                 | Jarred Lucas Jennings*   | Bethany Schoemer**              |
| Patrice Douglass                                      | John Dean Kerns**        | Elvira Coryna Vanegas Castillo* |
| Anna Marie Gomez*                                     | Maryah Lauer**           | Kathryn Wilson                  |
| Raphael Gooden  | Morgan Nicole McCadden   | Thomas Paul Zandstra            |
| Lauren N. Hauger,<br><i>with Mountain Lion Honors</i> | Nathan Eric McKenzie     | Jamie Zook                      |

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## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Aja Alexander*  | Rebecca F. Gilliam*  | Leah M. Payne**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>     |
| Gabrielle Victoria Louisa<br>Baddgor-Poumay                       | Ashleigh Gillis  | Diana Kristine Peach*                                |
| Pedro Enrique Barrera   | Eyvonne Cassandra Godec                                    | Paul Perkins   |
| Jordyn Baxter*  | Lillian Marie Granados*                                    | Melia Joy Pitney**                                   |
| Sarah Lynn Blake***   | Delaney Grazioli   | Emily Ann Ransom                                     |
| Yume S. Booker**  | Elizabeth Leanne Griffin                                   | Mark Duncan Redmond***                               |
| Alexandra Christine Borman**,<br><i>with Mountain Lion Honors</i> | Challen Gutekunst***                                       | Jordan Retting                                       |
| Kristen Bowman**  | Jennifer Ann Haralson**                                    | Thomas Riordan**                                     |
| Kevin John Broeils  | Sabrina Harrell  | Jennifer Roberts***,<br><i>with High Distinction</i> |
| Mikayla Patricia Brown  | Caitlin H. Hernandez*                                      | Jane Robinson*                                       |
| Tyler John Buchanan   | Ryan Hernandez   | Christopher Taylor Roth                              |
| Dax G. Bushway***   | Rebecca Ingram   | Michael Rothfuss                                     |
| Karly Bzalel***,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>                  | Elexis Deloris Johnson**,<br><i>with University Honors</i> | Tracie Sumiko Saiki-La'A                             |
| Suzanne Marie Cano  | Katelyn Ann Komora   | Jesus Santana  |
| David Carley***   | Jessica Kuhl   | Uilani Schnackenberg                                 |
| Courtney Rose Carter*,<br><i>with Mountain Lion Honors</i>        | Amber Lay**  | Jordan Louis Sevilla                                 |
| Dylan Richard Casias**  | Angela Lenn  | Jessica Shilling                                     |
| Dorcas Otilia Cintron   | Leah Isabelle Levulis*                                     | Meredith Anne Sloan**                                |
| Matthew William Cooney  | Tiffany Marie Lodge-Maragh                                 | Christina Nicole Spielman*                           |
| Chardonnay Crabtree*  | Taylor C. Loucks   | Olivia Stanton***                                    |
| Savannah Amanda Cuning  | Jessica Kayelynne Lutz**                                   | Hannah Stischer                                      |
| Jennifer Rose Currie  | Charles John MacGregor                                     | Alyssa Swantkoski***                                 |
| Jay Francis DeRosa  | Alicia Janelle Marsh*                                      | Angelo Dominique Tamez**                             |
| Stephanie Francis Eccles**  | Kimberly Marshall**  | Sean Tindle  |
| Allyse Julene Eide  | Brittany Martin  | William Jackson Travis*                              |
| Courtney Eldred   | James Mayes*   | Stephany Alexandra Trzos***                          |
| Katharine Lea Euler   | Andrya Nicole Miller                                       | Julia Mariah Vargas*                                 |
| Ashleigh Elizabeth Fuller   | Marisa Muhonen***  | Dennis Vega  |
|   | Vanessa Obetz*,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>            | Sarah Wagar  |
|   | Ashley Marie O'Brien                                       | Amanda Carol Welty*                                  |
|   | Matthew Alexander Parrilla*                                | Kimberly Soh-Fun Woo***                              |

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## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Brittany Nicole Hernandez*

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| Elisha Allen                                   | Sofia Economou Garcia,<br><i>with Distinction</i>      | Kayla Nestor  |
| Alicia Lyn Anderson***                         | Brittany Nicole Hernandez*,<br><i>with Distinction</i> | Ellen Marie O'Rear***,<br><i>with Distinction</i>     |
| Sarah Thalia Balbuena                          | Sarah Mari Kleve                                       | Laura Parsons**, <i>with Distinction</i>              |
| Zachary Jordan Barrow                          | Shivawn Cleary McCarthy***,<br><i>with Distinction</i> | Amber Nicole Paterson*                                |
| Tamika Jo Bjork                                | Hayley M. Miller                                       | Danika Salene Rahija                                  |
| Nicholas Michael Chell                         | Rachael C. Miller                                      | Marianne Ingrid Rothmann*,<br><i>with Distinction</i> |
| Karrie Lynn Combs*,<br><i>with Distinction</i> | Jennifer Jaye Monks                                    | Grace Wolff***, <i>with Distinction</i>               |
| Shannon Lynn Croy                              |  |   |
| Jasmine Calandra Edwards                       |  |   |

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Marcia Mireya Bates**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i> | Francisco Alberto Gonzalez                              | Miryssa Woofert**,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i> |
| Caleb Gonzalez**,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i>   | Rachel Ann Jovene**,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i> |   |

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

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Rachel Anne Baker***,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i>   | Cynthia Louise Dwelis***,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i>    | Jessica R. Potter                                       |
| Madison Joy Barker   | Olivia Ezzell*  | Ryan Wayne Potter                                       |
| Lauren Bies*, <i>with High Distinction</i>                 | Frank Parker Fowler, IV   | Jonathan David Sell,<br><i>with Distinction</i>         |
| Erik Haldan Brevik***,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i>  | Alexandra Ralitsa Garcia***,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i> | Linda Michelle Small                                    |
| Max Broxson  | Ginger Lynn Immenhauser**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>      | Ashley D. Timmermeyer*,<br><i>with High Distinction</i> |
| Maire Frances Therese Carmack**                            | Deanna Rae Kitchen  | Kacie N. Vance  |
| John Christopher Charland, II                              | Kayla Marie Kuemmerle*,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i>      | Benito Augustus Vena*,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>  |
| Su Hyun Cho  | Tamara Veronica Mauldin,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i>     | Melanie Ann Ware**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i>     |
| America Copeland   | David Mellado***  | Alex Michael Williams,<br><i>with Distinction</i>       |
| Elissa Beth Cummings*                                      |   |   |
| Jasmine Nicole Dillavou**,<br><i>with High Distinction</i> |   |   |

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

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Dylan Richard Casias, Alysia Mota*

|                         |                                 |                    |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ashley Dominique Bailey | Alysia Mota                     | Kristen L. Suttles |
| Dylan Richard Casias**  | Dylan Thomas Muenzberg          |                    |
| Molly Gallagher Craft   | Elizabeth Anne Schifferdecker** |                    |

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOCHEMISTRY

|  |   |                 |
|--|---|-----------------|
| David Clarke*, <i>with Distinction</i>                     | Paul Pyunggang Hong**,<br><i>with Distinction</i> | Tyler Drew Kane |
| Holly Grams-Johnson***,<br><i>with Highest Distinction</i> |   |                 |

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

## CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| Victoria Lynn Agster*                                    | Caitlin Irby                                       | Ethen P. Puls   |
| William Alonso   | Daniele Johnson*                                   | Christopher N. Randall*                                   |
| Holly Ann Anderson*                                      | Macey Juhl*  | Athena Crystal-Nicole Robinson                            |
| James Ryan Antonio Arruiza*                              | Kimberly Rae Keizur                                | Mary Rountree**   |
| Lisa Bach**  | Dorothy Klimczak**,<br>with University Honors      | Mitchell Robert Sandefur*                                 |
| Jessica Jeanne Ballard                                   | Lucinda Chance Lariviere                           | Jesus Santana   |
| Damon Beardslee  | Myriam Patricia Lazaro Moreno                      | Taylor Elizabeth Schumacher***,<br>with University Honors |
| Kathryn Susanne Bell*                                    | Dalton Harrison Lukasik                            | Wilford Travis Schweer                                    |
| Laura Ann Bell***  | Eric Lukken**                                      | Briana Marie Shevock                                      |
| Ashley Kay Bornschein*                                   | Ratna Melanie Malkan**,<br>with University Honors  | Rachel Simpson  |
| Fidelina Brown   | Rachel Rose Marine**                               | Kevin Seung-Hyo Son                                       |
| Tanner J. Bush   | Traci Victoria McDaniel                            | Christopher Gordon Stallings                              |
| Nicole Caduff  | Shannon McKenna                                    | Michelle Sullivan**                                       |
| Suzanne Marie Cano                                       | Karl Armbruster Merz, Jr.                          | Shawna Maree Thornton                                     |
| Scott Patrick Carr                                       | Nicholas Charles Miller, II                        | Austin Robert Traver*                                     |
| Shane Carrion*   | Kylie Miller                                       | Luis E. Trujillo  |
| Natalie Marie Cessna                                     | Nicole Molnar                                      | Vanessa Vigil*  |
| Brianna Nickole Cotte***                                 | Alysia Mota*                                       | Sarah Ann Vincent   |
| Ryan Dang  | Shannon Rae Murphy***                              | Adrianne L. Webb,<br>with Mountain Lion Honors            |
| Rose Marie Doss  | David Alexander Orban**,<br>with University Honors | Holly Beth Westad   |
| Alexander Dwight Eastman                                 | Grant Padovich**                                   | Luke Adam White*  |
| Tiffany A. Flaherty**                                    | Mariah Amelia Palmer*                              | Brandon Williams  |
| Jacqueline Foote   | Jacob Tyler Paterno***,<br>with University Honors  | Gage Williamson   |
| Andrew James Galbraith,<br>Chancellor's Leadership Class | Miranda Poskey***                                  | Elizabeth Kimberly Wood                                   |
| Nicolas Duane Hammond                                    |  | Breanna Zimbelman   |
| Alexandra Marie Hawcroft                                 |  |   |
| Haley Helm***  |  |   |
| Tonni Gabriel Horton                                     |  |   |

### THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY

|   |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Lorne Dean Muir, II*,<br>with Distinction | Phuong Kieu Nguyen* | Andrew John Pepping |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|

### DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Katrina Biele* | Casey Russell Chalifour |
|----------------|-------------------------|

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

|                         |                  |                      |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Casey Russell Chalifour | Catherine O'Neil | Zachary Randal Root  |
| Robert P. Gaddis        | Pavlo Pinchuk*** | Madison Rae Stenger* |
| Jonathan P. Hinds       |                  |                      |

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



## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF COMMENCEMENT

### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOARD OF REGENTS COMMENCEMENT AWARDS HONORING UCCS RECIPIENTS

#### HONORARY DEGREES

##### DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, HONORIS CAUSA

1977: Angelo di Benedetto  
1978: Marshall Sprague  
1979: Lowell Thomas  
1981: Paul Engle  
Hualing Nieh  
1982: I. Ignacy Golderg  
1983: Frank Waters  
1985: Anne Pellowski  
1986: Johnny Smith  
1987: Joanne Greenberg  
1990: Leonard von Bibra Sutton  
1991: Starr Gideon Kempf  
1993: Myron Wood  
1994: Kazimierz Dziewanowski  
1995: Elizabeth Wright  
Ingraham  
William L. Armstrong  
1996: Yusef Komunyakaa  
1997: Eric Bransby  
1998: David P. Campbell  
2000: Glenn R. Jones  
2001: Ann Haymond Zwinger  
2003: Sandy Kraemer  
2004: Bruce Shepard  
2005: William J. Hybl  
2007: Howell M. Estes III  
2010: Greg Mortensen  
2010: Robert Berliner  
2011: Don Birkeland  
2014: Lyda Hill

##### DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, HONORIS CAUSA

1980: William Gold Dow  
1988: James M. Beggs  
1999: Neal F. Lane  
2003: John B. Herrington  
2012: James Gallogly

##### DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING, HONORIS CAUSA

1984: Charles Huran Kaman

#### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO MEDAL

1978: Lawrence F. Silverman  
1979: Charles L. Hinkle  
Stephan L.R. McNichols  
1980: Robert C. McHugh  
1981: Rep. Arthur C. and Lucky  
Knowles Herzberger  
Stephan M. Schuck,  
Elemer Bernath  
1982: Virginia Garth Trembly,  
DDS  
1983: Dr. George J. Dwire  
(*awarded posthumously*)  
1985: Thomas F. McLaughlin  
(*awarded posthumously*)  
1986: Thomas A. Saponas  
1988: David W. Enoch  
1990: Fred and Nancy Thomas  
Douglas R. Johnson  
1991: Sidney R. Rosen  
1992: Richard Francis  
1994: Donna and Floyd  
Hildebrand  
1995: Joseph Petta  
Richard Wright  
1996: Stephen Bach  
Brenda Smith  
1997: Dorothy Heller  
1998: Morgan Berthrong  
1999: F. Lamar Kelsey  
2000: Michael M. Byram  
John J. Cernac  
2001: Edward A. Osborne  
Robert (Rocky) K. Scott  
2002: Bruce Shepard  
2003: James C. Berger  
2004: Karen L. Possehl  
2005: Sharon Berthrong  
2006: Thomas M. James  
2008: Peter B. Teets  
2009: Louis Johnson  
Dr. Glenn Williams  
2012: Margot Lane  
2016: Michael D. Fryt  
Kevin Kratt

#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

1978: James Francis "Buck"  
Burshears  
Robert Mitchell  
1980: Gladys Ray Bueler  
Richard Hall  
Judith Michell Noyes  
1981: Joseph A. Reich Sr.  
1982: John W. Armstrong Sr.  
1983: Sister Myra James  
Bradley  
1984: James E. Hill  
Margaret Tasher Smith  
1985: Bruce E. Shepard  
1987: Roger A. "Sandy"  
Sanborn  
Albert J. Tomsic  
1988: Keith L. Grove  
1989: General Robert T. Herres  
1992: Gary Snyder  
Rebecca Frank  
1994: Senga Nengudi Fittz  
Marvin and Sandra Stein  
1995: Laurie Lee Maxson  
1996: Flo Carris  
William Hybl  
1997: Gary Loo  
Lester "Dusty" Loo  
Nancy Lewis  
1998: Katherine H. Loo  
A. Marvin Strait  
1999: Richard Louis Petritz  
2000: Matt A. Coleman  
Stuart P. Dodge  
Mary Jane Ponten  
2001: Mary Ellen McNally  
2002: Lyda Hill  
2003: Brenda J. Smith  
2004: Joseph C. Woodford  
2007: Dave Palenchar  
2008: Thomas A. Saponas  
2013: Tucker Hart Adams  
2015: Chris Jenkins



## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF COMMENCEMENT

### 1966

First UCCS student graduates; walked in the Boulder Commencement and listed in the Boulder program.



### 1975 & 1976

Graduates were honored with a "recognition ceremony" on-campus.



### 1977-2005

Professor Paul Ballantyne (1967-2011) was the featured vocalist at every UCCS commencement.

1966 1976



### 1976-1985

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

### 1977-1992

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



### 2007

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

### 2007

First Ph.D. in Psychology graduate.



### May 2009

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

2006

### 2007-2013

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

### May 2008

First graduates under reworked Ph.D. in Engineering.



### May 2009

First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

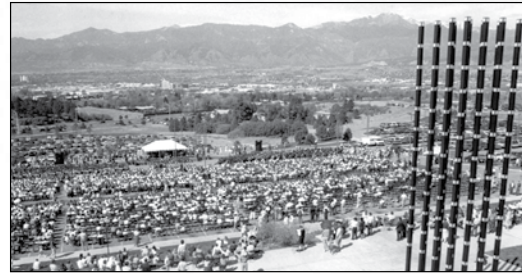


1984-2013

May Commencement Marshal is the previous year's Outstanding Teacher Award Recipient.

1993-1998

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



1986

1996

2006

1988

First Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering graduates

1998

First Ph.D. in Computer Science graduates

1998

First Distance MBA Degree graduate

1999-present

May Commencement held at new World Arena



Dec 2009

Distinguished Alumnus first introduced as December Commencement speaker.

May 2011

First Ph.D. in Applied Science graduate.



2013-present

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

May 2013

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

2011

2016

Dec 2009

First Bachelor of Innovation™ graduate.

May 2010

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

May 2012

First recognized Golden and Silver graduates.



2014

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

2015

40,000 alumni.



## ORDER OF EXERCISES, 2:30 PM

Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences  
College of Business and Administration  
School of Public Affairs  
College of Education  
College of Engineering and Applied Science

**DR. JUGAL KALITA, COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL**  
**UCCS MARSHAL'S CLUB MEMBER\***

### Prelude

Instrumental Music . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts Honors Ensemble  
Directed by Music Program Director Glen Whitehead

### Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance Military March No. 1 in D, Op. 39, No. 1*

*Arranged by Joseph Probstakoff* . . . . . Pianist Angelina Gadeliya

### Ceremony

*America the Beautiful (Lyrics on page 13)* . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts Graduates  
Erik Brevik and Ashley Timmermeyer

*The National Anthem (Lyrics on page 13)* . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts University Choir  
Directed by Instructor Solveig Olsen

UCCS Chancellor's Welcome . . . . . Chancellor Pamela Shockley-Zalabak

University of Colorado President's Remarks . . . . . President Bruce Benson

Senior Class Gift . . . . . SGA Vice President Travis Tafoya

Congratulations from 2016 Student Achievement Award Recipient . . . Graduate Tanweer Saleem Baig  
M.S. in Electrical Engineering

Presentation of University Medal . . . . . Mr. Kevin Kratt

Recognition of the Class of 1966 . . . . . Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalabak

### Conferring of Advanced Degrees (page 30)

Recognition of Honors Graduates . . Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Terry Schwartz

### Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees (page 35)

Initiation of Graduates into Alumni and Friends Association . . . Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT)  
Representative Zachary Woolweaver

Charge to the Graduates . . . . . Regent Steve Bosley

*Alma Mater (Lyrics on page 13)* . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts Instructor Solveig Olsen

### Recessional

Music . . . . . Pianist Angelina Gadeliya

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## GOLDEN AND SILVER GRADUATES

In 2012, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs began a new Commencement tradition for two very special groups of alumni – our Golden and Silver Graduates. These alumni graduated 50 and 25 years ago, respectively, and helped build the foundation of what our university has become today. We are honored to recognize the classes of 1966 and 1991 at our 2016 Commencement ceremonies – Golden Graduates recognized at the Spring ceremony and Silver Graduates recognized during the Summer/Fall ceremony.

2016 marks UCCS' Golden Anniversary Commencement, and as such we are proud to acknowledge our first UCCS Golden Graduates – one who graduated in May 1966 and two who graduated in December 1966. Given that initial university programs focused on engineering and business, the three UCCS Class of 1966 members are all business majors. UCCS operated as an extension of the Boulder campus at the time, so each of these graduates received his degree from Boulder and participated in commencement exercises on the University of Colorado Boulder campus.

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 1966 graduates of the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences in our tradition.

Dressed in gold regalia, alumni of the Class of 1966 will lead the 2016 graduates during the afternoon ceremony processional.

### **Class of 1966 College of Business**

Martin Shuck

Arnold Taylor

Lee Trovas\*

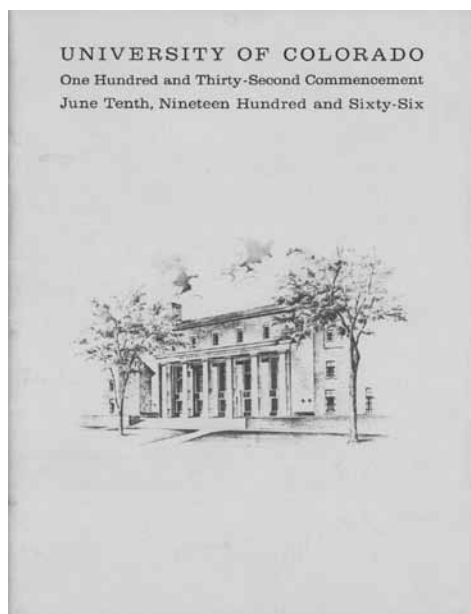
### **Class of 1966 Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

Patricia Kahler  
Terry Noyes

Linda Schreiner Schutte\*  
Lotar Semmler

Victoria DeLong Weiss  
Anita Keck Wright

*\*present*



## CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

*The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in May 2016. Graduates will receive their diploma jackets by walking across the commencement stage in two lines in order of college or school listed in the program.*

### GRADUATE SCHOOL

Kelli Klebe, Dean

#### PH.D. – EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP RESEARCH & POLICY

Carrie Arnold

*"Emotional Intelligence and the 21st Century College Student: Using Emotional Intelligence as a Stimulus for First-Year Student Retention"*

Nancy Lemmond

*"Response to Intervention: The Link Between Specific Learning Disability and Special Education Services"*

Greg Tate

*"Effects of Character Development on Fourth-Class Cadets at the United States Air Force Academy"*

John West

*"An Analysis of Emotional Intelligence Training and Pastoral Job Satisfaction"*

Kristyn White

*"An Evaluation of State-Level Post-Secondary Planning Initiatives"*

#### PH.D. – COMPUTER SCIENCE

Francisco Torres-Reyes

*"Human Motion: Analysis of Similarity and Dissimilarity Using Orthogonal Changes of Direction on Given Trajectories"*

#### PH.D. – ENGINEERING

Feras Al Tarouti (emphasis in Computer Science)

*"LexBank: A Multilingual Lexical Resource for Low-Resource Languages"*

Hamdan Alzahrani (emphasis in Security)

*"Remote Authentication Using Vaulted Fingerprint Verification"*

Thomas R. Amundson (emphasis in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering)

*"Coupled Electromagnetic and Thermal Characterization of Bio-Inspired Frequency Selective Surfaces"*

Anthony Ayodele (emphasis in Security)

*"Towards Application-centric Fairness in Multi-tenant Clouds with Adaptive CPU Sharing"*

Ryan Bosworth (emphasis in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering)

*"An Experimental Study of Positive and Negative Thermophoresis"*

Ankur Chattopadhyay (emphasis in Computer Science)

*"Developing an Innovative Framework for Design and Analysis of Privacy Enhancing Video Surveillance (PEVS)"*

Dazhao Cheng (emphasis in Computer Science)

*"Improving Performance and Sustainability in Big Data Cloud Computing"*

Jason Upchurch (emphasis in Security)

*"Malware Provenance: Detecting Code Reuse in Malicious Software"*

Pamela Wood (emphasis in Computer Science)

*"Connecting an Individual's Perception of Emotion to Music Signals"*

## CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE - CAPSTONE PROJECT

Susan Belport

*"Quality Improvement: Vaccines for Children Program Barriers in Primary Care"*

Mary Jo Person

*"Evaluating the Relationship of Occupational Sedentary Time and Perceived Health of Federal Office Workers"*

Jennifer Ann Pickering

*"Not all who Bleed Need Blood: Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding Restrictive Transfusion Strategy Adherence and Changing Practice with Clinical Decision Support"*

Natasha Prodan-Bhalla

*"Marginalized Women: The Measurement of Health Inequities"*



## CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

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

Nancy Smith, Dean

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

|                        |                           |                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cheryl Marie Byrnes    | Amanda Kay Judd           | Laura Ross            |
| Susan M. Cannon        | Danielle McKenzie Kennedy | Staci Ruddy           |
| Pinky Roxas Castillo   | Missouri Ann Krantz       | Katie Snell           |
| Dawn Louise Delahousse | Lydia Kreighbaum          | Amy Whited            |
| Amanda Gauthier        | Danielle Magana           | Sherman Wayne Wieneke |
| Jane A. Graham         | Candace Marie Morales     | Deena Marie Yates     |
| Meagan Gray            | Falecia Faye Rader        |                       |
| Beth Hermanson         | Maranda Dawn Ray          |                       |

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN HEALTH PROMOTION

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Dawn Grantham-Williams*

|                        |                |                     |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Dawn Grantham-Williams | Randa I. Osman | Paige Allen Whitney |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN SPORTS MEDICINE

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Elizabeth Lynne Heil, Christina Landreth*

|                     |                                  |                         |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Brittany Brandt     | Elizabeth Lynne Heil             | Isaiah Tucker McFarland |
| Jeff Brown          | Mary Grace Helfer                | Caitlin Briana Moeller  |
| Robin Conroy        | Tiana Borghoff-Perry Hertenstein | Liana Rose Tobin        |
| Adam Gregory Garner | Christina Landreth               | Bianna Wagner           |
| Nicol Hart          | Matthew Taylor Marshall          | Dennie Wise             |

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN SPORTS NUTRITION

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Bethany Frieler*

|                  |                     |                 |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| John Ryan Boesch | Ashley White Judson | Claire Mademann |
| Bethany Frieler  | David Le            | Meredith Price  |
| Maki Ishizu      |                     |                 |

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

Venkateshwar Reddy, Dean

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Christina Marie Price, Veronika Skopal*

|                         |                        |                         |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sarah Auer              | Wan Ling Hsieh         | Francis Benedict Neric  |
| Seth Thomas Bainbridge  | Jesse James            | Ricardo Elias Ocasio    |
| Neil Bode               | Benjamin Edward Jones  | Christina Marie Price   |
| Naga Suresh Boppudi     | Stephen R. Kifer       | Jack Reasoner           |
| Rebecca Bowles          | Eric James Lancaster   | Heather Marie Sanders   |
| Juan Emanuel Camarillo  | Linnie Marie Leavines  | Jason Edward Scott      |
| Brittany Lynn Dalecke   | Lindsey Leblanc        | Erika Siemieniec        |
| Anita Marie Dirini      | Lauren Michelle Letter | Veronika Skopal         |
| Dustin Alan Ethredge    | Matthew R. Martin      | Benjamin Scott Stroud   |
| Travis Fritts           | Troy David McLaughlin  | Andrew Ryan Townsend    |
| Erik Hermstad           | Bernnetayehu Mekonnen  | Sean Michael Warner     |
| Amanda Christine Hilton | Lindsey Marie Mertens  | Thomas Tyler Whittemore |
| Mark Hinman             | Pravin Mohan           |                         |
| Andras Michael Horanyi  | Alaine Monts           |                         |



## CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

### SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

George Reed, Dean

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Amy Leighann Bunn, Jake Campbell*

|                   |                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Omar Algarni      | Jake Campbell     | Sheena Munsch           |
| Nicole Black      | Aaron Manuel Mach | Benjamin David Schwartz |
| Amy Leighann Bunn |                   |                         |

#### THE DEGREE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Brandon James Bishop, Kevin Hudgens<sup>#</sup>*

|                           |                      |                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Jay-Michael Scott Baker   | Todd Lorimor         | Michael F. Riley       |
| Brandon James Bishop      | Aaron Manuel Mach    | Leah Stroud            |
| Jonathan Frederick Chavez | Alex James Malone    | Amy J. Sullivan        |
| Shelley Hagen             | Bianca Mendoza       | Frederick Ethan Thomas |
| Toby Leonard              | Suzannah Beth O'Neel | Luther Earl Wilkinson  |

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Valerie Martin Conley, Dean

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

|                            |                           |                             |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Georgia Nicole Allred      | Daneta Frances Harrington | Melissa Sanders             |
| Jonathan Anderson          | Megan Ellen Henkes        | Brian Sargent               |
| Edmund Andrew Ballew       | Hanna Hatsune Hill        | Samantha Dawn Ellice Sholts |
| Bryant Bevan               | Renae Chalaine Hill       | Eronilde C. Shores          |
| Scott Randolph Bradley     | Douglas John Huttenlocker | Rikki Daniel Smith          |
| Katie Louise Bratt         | Megan Geiger Jelts        | Eshley Spitzer              |
| Suzanne Horoschak Caffely  | Jamie Ross Johnson        | Alison Christine Stoddard   |
| Tracey Lynn Clark          | Casey Jay Kelly           | Kimberly Stone              |
| Harry Paul Cooper          | Lyndsey Klemme            | Sarah Stover                |
| Landry Davis               | Jeffrey Ledeboer          | Brittany Nichole Tappen     |
| Lindley Anne Dennis        | Robert G. Montgomery      | Anthony Tydingco            |
| Janet Dewese               | Maria K. Niichel          | Neyma Luisa Valdez-Valverde |
| Emily M. Fisch             | Samantha Patton           | Eli Varney                  |
| Gary Lynn Foster           | Justin Pendry             | Brie Hudson Vihlen          |
| Lesley Michelle Gallacher  | Christine Perrizo         | Alexander Winn              |
| Kristina Breeden Gregor    | Eric Pounds               | John Dows Woods             |
| Allyson Nicole Hadley      | John Powell               | Calla Wooldridge            |
| Alan Haedge                | Leland Paul Reeck         | Jesse Lee Wretlind          |
| Lawrence Christopher Halby | Kristina Jean Rikard      | Todd Michael Zielinski      |
| Sarah Jean Hansen          | Frances Sanchez-Jones     |                             |

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

|                        |                           |                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Susan Lockridge Adams  | Carla Joan Jahn-Throndson | Carmen L. Moyer |
| Fatmah Alsharif        | Justin Kracker            | Randall Stewart |
| Jennifer Dawn Bosler   | Jeffrey Lewis Meyers      |                 |
| Lauren Deloris Jackson | Cassidy Mitchell          |                 |

<sup>#</sup>*Degree was awarded at UCCS Summer/Fall Commencement, December 2015.*

## CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

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

*Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Lance Thaddeus Carroll, II and Meghan Dunn Weiss*

|                            |                        |                                |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Robert James Armstrong     | Kim Isabella Freitag   | Cullen Fayne McDowell          |
| Julie Lynn Attias          | Brian Stanley Garris   | Vanessa McWhirt                |
| DeShaun Derrell Bennett    | Jacqueline Gatlin      | Kristen Brooke Mendez          |
| Andrew Bonath              | Geoffrey William Green | Kristen M. Puzio               |
| Caitlin Marie Brandesky    | Jean Hagerman          | Molly Elizabeth Reagan         |
| Cassie Bryson-Evans        | Daniel Hinkin          | Martin Gerald Rover            |
| Walaa Bu Naiyan            | Corrine Keener         | Kay Ellen Rudy                 |
| Lance Thaddeus Carroll, II | Alexis Blythe King     | Michelle Ann Cutaran Stallings |
| Jennifer Daigneault        | Kelly T. Lane          | Mollie G. Sutherland           |
| Andrew Dodge               | Naomi Dawn Leigh       | Sharon Vasquez                 |
| Chad Michael Eisentrager   | Sarah Elizabeth Long   | Meghan Dunn Weiss              |
| Justin Joseph Elways       | Melisa Matthews        | Mark Lee Wilkerson             |
| Raymond Fisco              |                        |                                |

### THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

|                         |                    |                           |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Nathaniel Josiah Ahrens | Margarita Del Toro | Tammy Jacobson            |
| Saad Alghamdi           | Kandi Gavin        | Kimberlee Ellen McWhirter |

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

|                       |               |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Susan Lockridge Adams | Chad Bradbury | Anna Stimer   |
| Nada Ali Algozi       | Patrick Rakes | Rukhsana Sher |

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Ramaswami Dandapani, Dean

### THE DEGREE MASTER OF ENGINEERING

|                        |                      |                        |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Stephen Ashworth       | Peter Donald Kessler | Albert Pasaret Herrero |
| Gregory Conway Ebbets  | Jeshua Kracht        | Zachary Tejral         |
| Jessica Jones          | Chunchun Li          | Xijuan Wang            |
| Timothy James Karmondy | Zaira E. Martinez    |                        |

### THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

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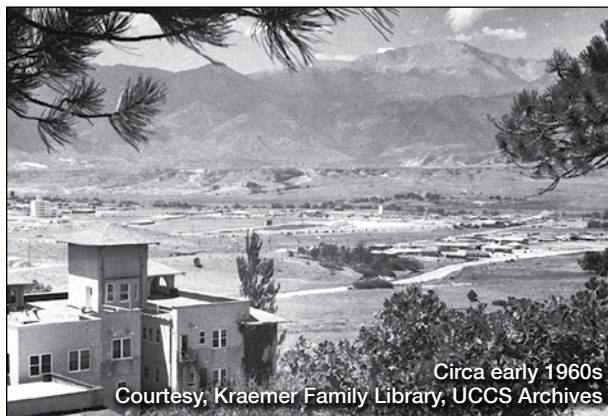
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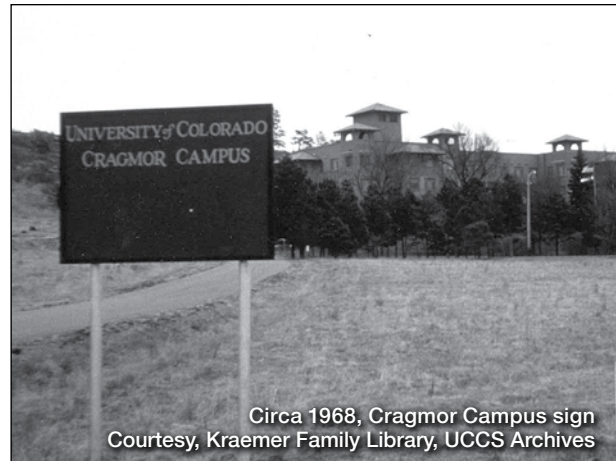
The history of the University of Colorado dates back to the earliest days of Colorado and precedes the creation of the state. At its first session in 1861, the Colorado territorial legislature passed an act providing for the creation of a university in Boulder. To establish the university, the legislature 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.



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



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

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),



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Murielane Pancost (concert soprano), Jeanette MacCoil (well-known New York musician), and Russell Cheney (renowned painter) spent time and regained their health at Cragmor.

Upon his death Solly was memorialized as a world class physician who had brought the Colorado Springs community to global acclaim for its outstanding health facility. Ironically, the world forgot Solly as Cragmor became even more established under the direction of new leaders in health care: Gerald B. Webb, Alexius M. Forster, Otto Einstein, and George J. Dwire.

The 1930's stock market crash brought financial disaster to many of the Cragmor 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

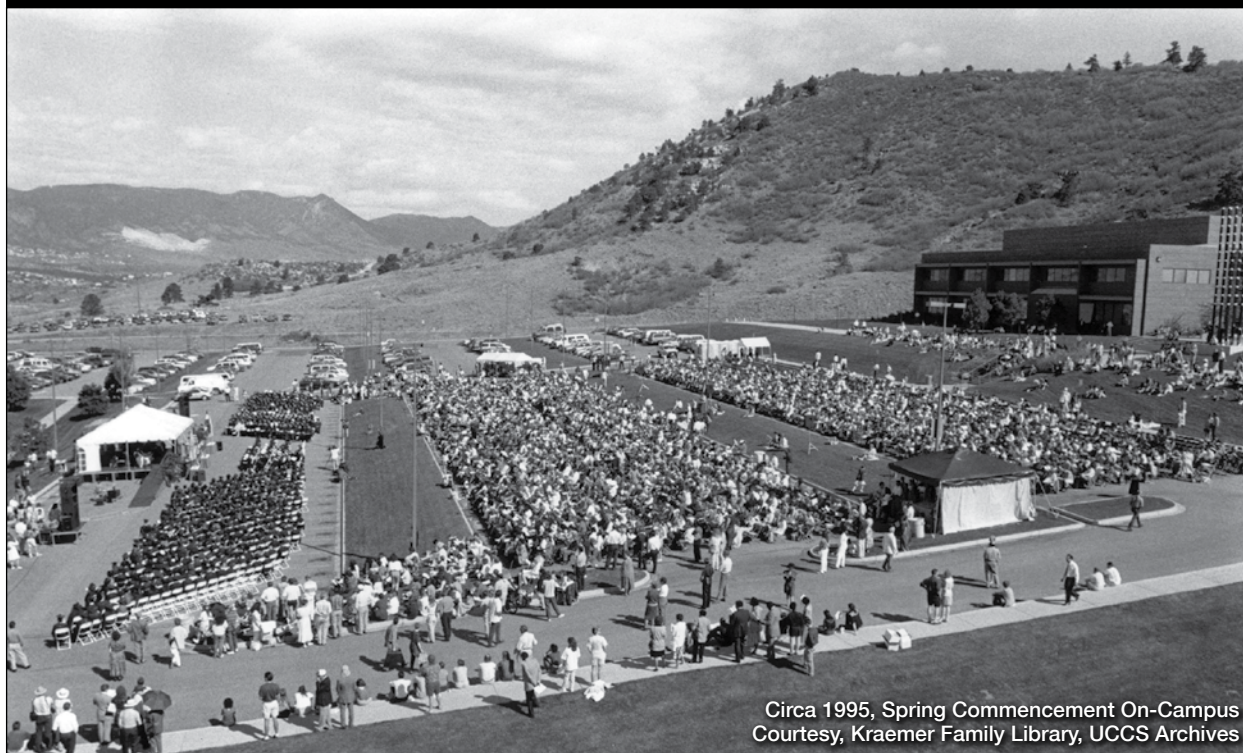
to become tied to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as Navajo Indians were flown in to Cragmor. This was one of the first public health programs launched by the newly formed U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). The first Indian patients arrived at Cragmor in 1952 with the signing of a government 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 1980s, Main Hall  
Courtesy, Kraemer Family Library, UCCS Archives



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Circa 1995, Spring Commencement On-Campus  
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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 Spring 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

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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, 51 years after its beginning, UCCS offers 39 bachelor's, 20 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. From its original 80 acres, UCCS has added 450 additional acres along Austin Bluffs Parkway and North Nevada Avenue. 2015 saw the start of robust growth on North Nevada with the groundbreaking of the Ent Center for the Arts. The student population continues to grow significantly as well; as of spring 2016 almost 11,300 students are enrolled on campus.

UCCS spring commencement ceremonies have been held at the old BRO<sup>A</sup>DMOOR Ice Arena, a campus parking lot where the Osborne Center for Science & Engineering now stands, and The BRO<sup>A</sup>DMOOR World Arena. The first December commencement ceremony for summer and fall graduates was held on December 14, 2007 at the Pikes Peak Center. After only two years, the December graduates outgrew the Pikes Peak Center, and now all yearly ceremonies are held at The BRO<sup>A</sup>DMOOR World Arena. Since the first UCCS commencement in 1975, approximately 43,000 students have graduated from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.



Photo by Jeff Foster, staff, 2010



## UCCS MASCOT

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 that UCCS was not allowed to claim the buffalo as its mascot. At the June 18, 1987 University of Colorado Board of Regents Meeting, the "regents decided not to officially designate a school mascot and colors for UCCS, but instead opted to allow UCCS to choose its own mascot while still maintaining the official CU colors of gold, silver, blue and black" (*The Scribe*, August 1987, pg 1). "CU Gold" became the accepted identity of the sports teams in Fall 1987.

In 1991, the student body voted for the "Fighting Longnecks" - or giraffes – to become the unofficial spirit symbol. This was personified by "Stretch," a costumed giraffe obtained by former chancellor Dwayne Nuzum. Other options for a new spirit symbol considered by the Student Government Association (SGA) Committee were eagles, prospectors, gold diggers, golden avalanche, and



pronghorns. Popularity of the spirit symbol waned with time. Many did not connect the giraffe with "CU Gold" and wanted a stronger identity.

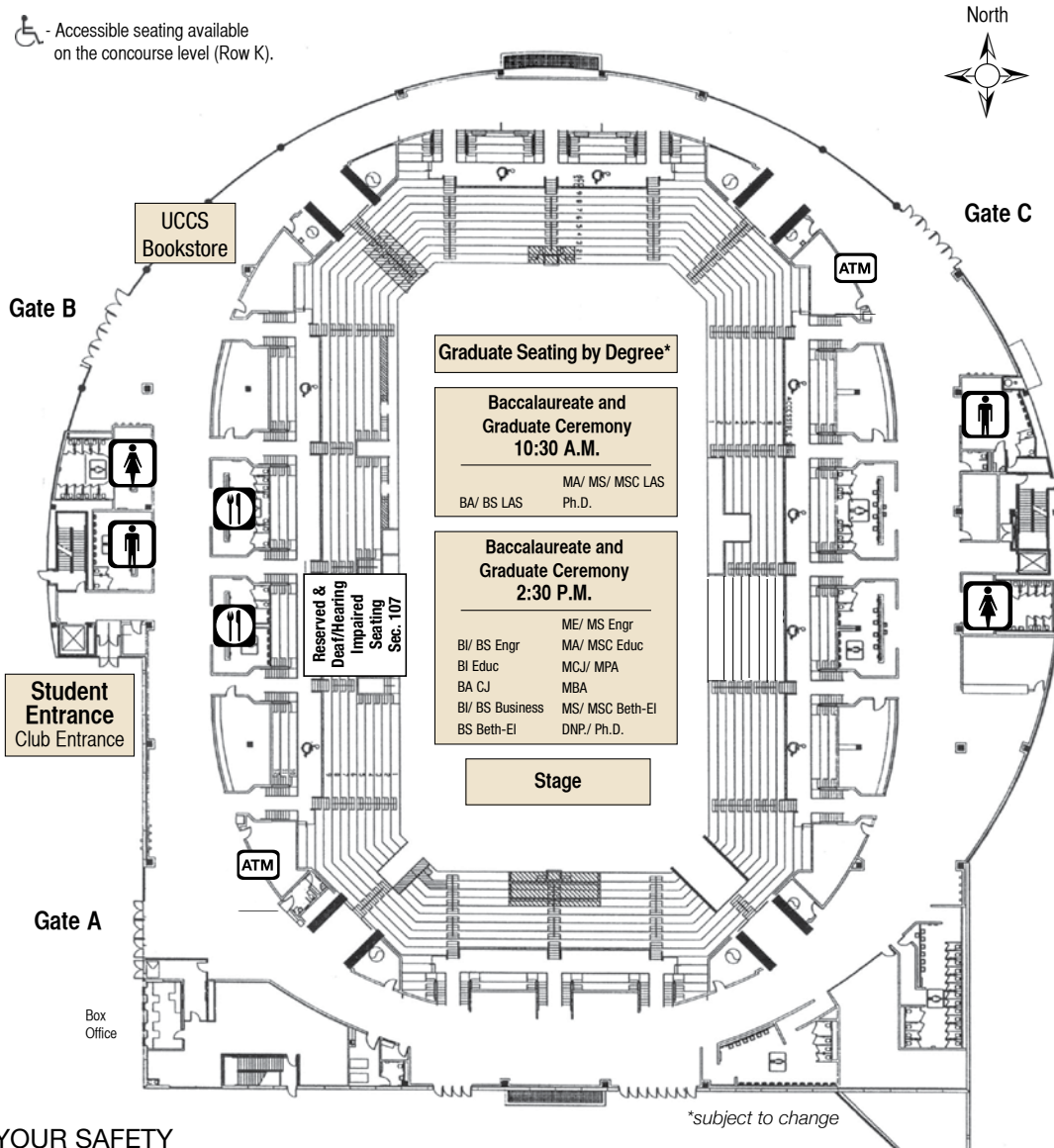
Not until 1997 did a new campaign for a UCCS mascot begin. Realizing a need for a credible mascot, the SGA collected nominees for an official mascot. The overwhelming suggestion was the mountain lion, which won by 86% of the student body vote in spring 1998. Since that time, it has been the officially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

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

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# BRO<sup>A</sup>DMOOR WORLD ARENA



## FOR YOUR SAFETY

UCCS has taken every possible measure to ensure the safety of our graduates, their families, and their friends during Spring 2016 Commencement Exercises. You can do your part by noting the following:

- Once you are seated in The BRO<sup>A</sup>DMOOR World Arena, locate the nearest exit to your seat.
- In the event an evacuation takes place during the ceremony, we recommend your party have a pre-determined location outside the facility to aid in reunification.
- Treat all alarms as real.
- Listen carefully and follow any instructions which may be issued by the master of ceremonies, chief of police, fire chief, or other public authority.
- Parents should keep their young children with them at all times.
- Pay particular attention to the safety of any elderly persons or persons with disabilities.
- If directed to evacuate The BRO<sup>A</sup>DMOOR World Arena, please move away from the arena and remain outside until you have been given an "all-clear" by a public authority.
- If necessary, seek assistance from a UCCS staff member, BRO<sup>A</sup>DMOOR World Arena employee, or a uniformed police officer.

Thank you, and congratulations to our spring graduates!



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