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 in the University of Colorado Colorado Springs’ 50th anniversary year. Well done and well earned!
DR. CHRISTINA MARTINEZ, COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL
UCCS MARSHAL’S CLUB MEMBER*

Prelude
Instrumental Music .................................................. Visual and Performing Arts Honors Ensemble
Directed by Music Program Coordinator Colin McAllister

Processional
Pomp and Circumstance Military March No. 1 in D, Op. 39, No. 1
– Arranged by Joseph Prostakoff* ........................................ Pianist Angelina Gadeiliya

Ceremony
America the Beautiful (Lyrics on page 7) ................................ Graduate Therese Carmack

The National Anthem (Lyrics on page 7) .................................. Visual and Performing Arts University Choir
Directed by Visual and Performing Arts 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 Distinguished Alumnus .......................... Professor Yusef Komunyakaa

Conferring of Advanced Degrees (page 16)
Recognition of Honors Graduates ...................................... Acting Provost Terry Schwartz

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees (page 21)
Initiation of Graduates into Alumni and Friends Association .... Alumni Association Vice President Laura Chandler

Charge to the Graduates ................................................... Regent Glen Gallegos

Alma Mater (Lyrics on page 7) ............................................ Visual and Performing Arts Instructor Solveig Olsen

Recessional
Music ................................................................. Pianist Angelina Gadeiliya

* 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.
December 18, 2015

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 commencement in 2015 is all the more memorable because you are graduating during the 50th anniversary of UCCS. 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,

Bruce D. Benson
President of the University of Colorado
December 18, 2015

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, UCCS is celebrating its own – our 50th Anniversary.

I am extremely proud of the 2015 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. As we look back on our shared accomplishments, we move forward with excitement about what the next 50 years will bring.

Sincerely,

Pam Shockley-Zalabak
Chancellor
Yusef Komunyakaa is a senior faculty member in the New York University Creative Writing Program. His subject matter ranges from the black general experience through rural Southern life before the Civil Rights era and his experience as a soldier during the Vietnam War. He previously taught at Indiana University in Bloomington and Princeton University.

Professor Komunyakaa's numerous books of poems include *Pleasure Dome: New & Collected Poems, 1975-1999; Talking Dirty to the Gods; Thieves of Paradise*, which was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award; *Neon Vernacular: New & Selected Poems 1977-1989*, for which he received the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry (1994) and the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award (1994); *Magic City; Dien Cai Dau*, which won The Dark Room Poetry Prize (1988); *I Apologize for the Eyes in My Head*, winner of the San Francisco Poetry Center Award (1986); and *Copacetic*. Komunyakaa’s prose is collected in *Blues Notes: Essays, Interviews & Commentaries*. He also co-edited *The Jazz Poetry Anthology*. His most recent collection is *The Emperor of Water Clocks* (FSG 2015).

Mr. Komunyakaa’s honors include the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize for recognition of lifetime accomplishments (2001), the William Faulkner Prize from the Universite Rennes, the Thomas Forcade Award, the Hanes Poetry Prize, fellowships from the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, the Louisiana Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam, where he served as a correspondent and production editor of the Southern Cross. In 1999, he was elected a Chancellor of The Academy of American Poets.

Yusef Komunyakaa began writing poetry in 1973 at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, where he was an editor for and contributor to the campus arts and literature publication, *riverrun*. He earned a B.A. in Distributed Studies from UCCS in 1975, followed by his M.A. in Writing from Colorado State University in 1978, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of California, Irvine, in 1980. In 1996, Mr. Komunyakaa was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Colorado Regents. He is the first and only UCCS alumnus to receive a Pulitzer Prize.
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 1965 and 1990 at our 2015 Commencement ceremonies – Golden Graduates recognized at the Spring ceremony and Silver Graduates recognized during the Summer/Fall ceremony. As UCCS was not founded until 1965, our Golden Graduates are currently only represented by the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences. In 1997 a Colorado Springs community referendum merged the city-owned Beth-El College of Nursing, founded in 1904, with UCCS.

Dressed in silver regalia, alumni of the Class of 1990 will lead the 2015 graduates during today’s ceremony processional.

CLASS OF 1990 ATTENDEES

Albert Godec          Monica Rundo Godec          Nancy Thomason

MAY 2015-DECEMBER 2015 “IN MEMORIAM”

Jon Bellamy, student
Sam Bracchi, student
Timothy O’Hara Casey, Lecturer, Visual and Performing Arts
James Colvin, former Senior Instructor, Political Science
Noah Harter, student
Mark Anthony Hickman, student
Jaime Rahn, student
Garrett Swasey, Police Officer, Public Safety
Established in 2015, the 1965 Main Hall Society recognizes donors who have shown extraordinary generosity to the University of Colorado Colorado Springs through their lifetime gifts. In the introductory year, UCCS recognizes donors who have given lifetime gifts of $500,000 or more spanning the first 50 years of the institution. Some of these donors have asked to remain anonymous, and thus, we respect their choice not to be publicly recognized as a Society member. Named in honor of one of the original buildings on the campus, Main Hall, the Society’s inaugural membership class includes 40 donors – comprised of individuals, couples, foundations and corporations – an enormous tribute to the value of a UCCS education, its impact on individual lives, and benefits for the future of our region, state, and world. The inaugural inductees include:

- The Balsells Foundation
- James and Winnette Berger
- Boettcher Foundation
- Caring for Colorado Foundation
- Bert R. Carollo, MD and Mary L. Carollo, PA-C
- Randle and Lena Gail Case
- Mary K. Chapman Foundation
- Clement Family Foundation
- The Colorado Health Foundation
- Daniels Fund
- Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation
- El Pomar Foundation
- Ent Federal Credit Union
- James L. and Janet M. Gallogly
- Dona R. H. Hildebrand
- Inasmuch Foundation
- Helen K. & Arthur E. Johnson Foundation
- Kane Family Foundation
- Sandy and Dorothy Kraemer
- John E. Lane & Margaret L. Lane Foundation
- Lester B. (Dusty) and Katherine H. Loo
- Memorial Health Foundation
- Nor’wood Foundation
- Scott D. Oki
- Ed and Mary Osborne
- The Penrose-St. Francis Health Services
- Jim and Karen Possehl
- The Reisher Family Foundation
- Peter and Vivian Teets
- Joe and Linda Woodford
- Charles and Pam Shockley-Zalabak
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!

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?

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!
MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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

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

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

MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS

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

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

VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS

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

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

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

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

THE NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The presidents of the University of Colorado are:

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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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<td>Neal Lane</td>
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<td>Dwayne Nuzum</td>
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<td>Merrill Lessley (interim)</td>
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<td>Linda Bunnell Shade</td>
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<td>Pam Shockley-Zalabak (interim)</td>
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ACADEMIC DRESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DOCTORATE TASSEL COLORS**

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

**MASTER TASSEL COLORS**

- Master of Science/Sciences (Beth-El) ........ *Gold*
- Master of Business Administration ....... *Sapphire*
- Master of Criminal Justice ............ *Peacock*
- Master of Public Administration ....... *Peacock*
- Master of Arts (Education) .............. *White*
- Master of Science (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   with Special Honors
These terms denote students who have met criteria including, but not limited to, grade point average set by the college from which they are graduating that demonstrate exceptional academic performance within the college.

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

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

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

Mountain Lion Honors
This program recognizes students who have successfully maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.50 and have completed the First-Year Honors Seminar, Honors Public Speaking, and the Honors Capstone Seminar.
2015 SUMMER/FALL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ATTENDEES

ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY, INSTRUCTORS AND DIRECTORS
Chancellor Pamela Shockley-Zalabak
Acting Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Terry Schwartz
Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, Charles Sweet
Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Susan Szpyrka
Vice Chancellor for Student Success and Enrollment Management, Homer Wesley
Senior Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and Development, Martin Wood

HELEN AND ARTHUR E. JOHNSON BETH-EL COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
Dean Nancy Smith
Melissa J. Benton
Jacqueline Berning
Vicki Brownrigg
Lynne Bryant
Gina Burton
KC Craig
Sherry Farley
Susan Finke
Ben Galatzan
Susan Garrett
Eileen Gerrard-Gough
Andrea M. Hutchins
Deborah J. Kenny
Mary Ann Kluge
Sherry Lee
Rebekah S. Lynch
Sherry McCormick
Denise Millot
Janol Montroy
Lynn Phillips
Deborah Pina-Thomas
Deborah Pollard
Amy Silva-Smith
Jefferson M. Spicher
Mysha Tompkins
Carole Traylor
Deborah Tuffield
Mary Claire Wahl

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Dean Venkateshwar Reddy
Greg Augspurger
Diane Belger
Cathy Claiborne
Andrew Czapelewski***
Kaitlyn DeGhetto
Ying Fan
Jeffery Ferguson
Carol A. Finnegan
Monique French**
Tracy Gonzalez-Padron
Martin Key
Gary Klein
David G. Leupp
Nina Polok
Morgan Shepherd
Blaise M. Sonnier
Gregory Stock
Gordon M. Stringer
Kathleen A. Tomlin
Sheri Trumpfeller
Scott Van Ness
James R. Van Scotter II
Sally von Breton
Kimberly A. Zaliller
Tom Zvirlein

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Dean Valerie Martin Conley
Linda Button
Elizabeth Cutter
Lissanna Folliar
Barbara Frye
Corinne Harmon
David Khaliqi
Scott Kupferman
April Lanotte
Laura Marshall
Sylvia Mendez
Al Ramirez
Margaret Scott
Marcus Winters
Patty Witkowski

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE
Dean Ramaswami Dandapani
Julie Albertson
Robert Block
Terry Boul
cassandra Harn
Willie Harrison
Gregory Plett
Charles M. Shub*** (retired)
Mark Wickert

COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS AND SCIENCES
Dean Peter Braza
Erica Allgood
Ann N. Amicucci
Christopher Bell
Sandra Berry-Lowe
Valerie Brodar
Robert Camley
Marguerite Arai Cantu
Steve Carter
Leah Chandler-Mills
Tom Christensen
Michele Companion***
Frederick L. Coolidge
Lynda Dickson
Corey Dieth
Leilani Feliciano
Fernando Feliu Moggi
Cerian Gibbes
Lesley Ginsberg
Maria Goni
Amy Haines
Erik M. Hanson
David Havlick
Andrea Herrera
Curt Holder
Lori James
Kelli Klebe
Rebecca Laroche
Meghan Lybecke
Molly Maxfield
Colin McAllister
David Moon
Emily Mooney
Solveig Olsen
Kirsten Bartholomew Ortega
James Pearson
Sara Honn Qualls
Daniel L. Segal
Pam Shockley-Zalabak
Kathrin Spendier
Andrew Subudhi
Susan B. Taylor
Rebecca B. Theobald
Kee Warner

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Dean George Reed
Katy Cathcart***
Don Klingner
Anna Kosloski
Mike Landon-Murray
Michael Martinez
Edin Mujkic
Stephanie Ryon
Henriikka Weir
Regina Winters

KRAEMER FAMILY LIBRARY
Dean Martin Garnar
Sue Byerley
Tabatha Farney
Rhonda Glazier
Christina Martinez*
Carla Myers
Mary Rupp
Joel Toney

MILITARY SCIENCE
Noble Turner

* Commencement Marshal, ** Faculty/Directors Marshal, *** Faculty/Directors Graduate Floor Marshals
STAFF SUPPORT ASSISTING WITH COMMENCEMENT

COMMENCEMENT COORDINATOR
Andrea Cordova

STAFF SUPPORT
Wendy Adoretti
Renai Albaugh
Tungsten Alcazar
Amanda Allee
Claire Ami
Britt Anderson
Kathryn Andrus
Carrie Arnold
Brad Bailey
Bill Bannister
Bonnie Bates
Brad Bayer
Mike Belding
Megan Bell*
Candida Bennett
Brenda Bonn
Sheryl Botts
Phillip Brotherton
Ellen Burkart
Diane Busch
Kara Carragher
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The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in December 2015. 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
Amanda Allee
“Resilience: Mid-Level Student Affairs Professionals’ Lived Experiences”

Jennifer Jirous
“The Influence of Academic Aptitude, Social Constructs, and Self-Theories on Post-Secondary Degree Choice of Colorado Students”

Michele Elaine Johnson

Margaret McNulty
“Campus Sustainability Efforts: A Study of the Long-Term Impact of College and University Sustainability Programs on Graduates”

Paul M. Medina Jr.
“Exploring the Effects of Closing Schools on Student Outcomes”

Jenifer Walsh Robertson
“The Relationship Between Project Management Professional Certification and Project Health”

PH.D. – COMPUTER SCIENCE
Francisco Torres Reyes
“Human Motion: Analysis of Similarity and Dissimilarity Using Orthogonal Changes of Direction on Given Trajectories”

Abhijit Bendale (emphasis in Computer Science)
“Open World Recognition”

Ankur Chattopadhyay (emphasis in Computer Science)
“Developing an Innovative Framework for Design and Analysis of Privacy Enhancing Video Surveillance”

PH.D. – ENGINEERING
Nicholas Anderson (emphasis in Physics)
“Localized Electromagnetic Waves: Interactions with Surfaces and Nanostructures”

PH.D. – APPLIED SCIENCE
Nicole Torrence (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“The Psychometric Properties of the Mindful Attention Awareness Scale and Its Relationship with Cognitive Functioning in Older Adults”

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE - CAPSTONE PROJECT
Margaret Ann Ernster
“Evaluation of a Depression Screening Project in a Family Practice”
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

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Steven James Givan
Crystal Laree Henderson
Jennifer Ann Keys

Christina Denise Nelms
Kelly Baldwin Oldham
Mollie K. Oster
Tracey Lynn Ann Rafuse

Georgina Segura
Kristin Sekelsky
Alexandra Deanne Smith
Alisha Zimmer

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN HEALTH PROMOTION

Erin Elizabeth Heberlein

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN SPORTS MEDICINE

Anna Rosina Higgins
Christa Marie Pamperien

Jeff Wilson
Virginia P. Winn

Steven David Woodworth

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN SPORTS NUTRITION

Nuwanee Kirihennedige

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

Venkateshwar Reddy, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Distinguished Graduate Academic Achievement Award: Matthew Lloyd Whitaker, Jing Zhang

Patricia Jacqueline Abila
Turki Albacker
Chad Arnold
Matthew Bain
Nicole Benton
Kyle Hall Besson
Neil Mathias Bode
Paul J. Borsuk
Preston Michael Briggs
Rebecca J. Caplinger
Josh L. Davids
Joshua Douglas Dock
Ronald Escobar
Caitlin Elizabeth Geibel
Sunil Hazari

Jennifer Hejsek
Justin Howard
Clinton Jackson
Nicole Jackson
Roger R. Johansen
Corrine Keener
John Martin Kessler
Michael K. Ledeboer
Charles Lightfoot
Danielle Kristin Malanczuk
Chad Martinez
Allison Meggers
Timothy James Miller
Pravin Mohan
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Thomas Andrew Sartin
Jolene Schauland
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Brian Sierer
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Esther Terpstra
Matthew Lloyd Whitaker
Richard Stephen Wilcox
Peter Sukjae Yoon
Stephen Young
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CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
George Reed, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Shaana Jolene Marshall  Devada L. Whitfield

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Valerie Martin Conley, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING AND HUMAN SERVICES
Tiffany Horns

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
Mubarak Mohammed Aldawsari  Sarah Catherine Hinkle  Lisa Pawlin
Alianoud Alshemali  Danielle Marie Jackson  Amber Michelle Ritter
Andrea Ayala  Valerie Janine Jackson  Randall Lee Stewart
Katharine Mary Coomes  Carla Joan Jahn-Thronson  Theresa Kay Stutts
Rashae Finck  Yenifer Alejandra Mayorga  Kathy Ann Webber
Nicole Mary Gilmore  Lynne Toni Olivieri-Barton

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION
Distinguished Graduate Academic Achievement Award: Monica Colon
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Hanadi Matar Alrashedi  Justin Filla  Rebecca Elizabeth Piltz
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Monica Colon  Daniel Lord Hinkin  Kristen Zodrow
Benjamin Anthony Davis  Koryn Kessler

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
Renee JoAnne Arellano  Christine Marie Hamilton  Bryant Lamar Perryman
Angela Grafe Boshek  Tracy Kosman  Jesse Buck Tomkins
Travis John Daller  Heather Lynn Krammes  Elena Velez
Christina Frausto  John Charles Norgord  Jillian Zingale
Braa Mohamed Ghamri

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES
Wafa Ghormallh Alghamdi  Adam Bradley  Carolyn Chris Gillis
Ahlam Mohamed Alghrari  Gail Elizabeth Farrell

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN EDUCATION
Judy Ann Branberg  Leo Thomas Sack
CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE
Ramaswami Dandapani, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ENGINEERING
Menwa H. Alshammeri  Peter Bernard Rolsma  Mathew Steine
Samantha Kristyn Cardenas  Charles Blaine Roper  Ethan Robert Tencati
Robert A. Lancaster  Jonathan Sanfilippo  Portia Elizabeth Wolf
Monte Eugene Lawson

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Arij Alfaidi  Rajya Badam  Adithya Mylavarapu
Khalid Abdullah Alharbi  Andrew Bates  Daniel A. Ruiz
Fadilh Alhubail  Raviteja Billa  Irving George Rynning
Abdullah Hindi AlJuhni  Aaron Michael Burkhart  Manchu Viswam
Khalid H. Alkhattabi  Manu Garg  Srinaga Jahnnavi Yeddanapudy
Zaki Aied Alsubhi  Ashish Anil Korpe

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Fahad Ibrahim Bakhsh  Kreshma Nair  Satish Kumar Ramineni
Dubari Borah  Ameya Ramadurgakar  Adam James Smiley
Alfredo Guillem

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Bashir Alnajar  Laura Limon  Scott James Silver
George Thomas Cunningham  Jeffrey Lee Rosado  Sean Zeeck
Daniel John Gabbard
CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS, AND SCIENCES
Peter Braza, Dean

DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED GEOGRAPHY
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DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
Kirsten Alicia Hoh  Anthony Wayne Mitchell

DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY
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DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN BIOLOGY
Daniel Kurt Forand  Alex Patten Moorhead

DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN CHEMISTRY
Kayla Allen  Morgan Philip Pinto  Kathryn Anne Prescott

DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN PHYSICS
Mark Aaron Hawkins
## Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

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

Nancy Smith, Dean

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE
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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Lohitha Ayyanar  
Jordan Carl Yee

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN GAME DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT
James Michaelbatstone Carlson  
Laura Joan Kilman  
Brendan P. Molinari

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING
Deon Thomas Bartin  
David Andrew Corey  
Calvin Peter Falldorf  
David Kalina  
Christopher Paul Merrick  
Eaven Christopher Sheets  
Noelle Smith

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Christie Mae Bellows,  
with Special Honors  
Dustin Scott Bingham  
with Special Honors  
Katrina Regina Brandau  
with Special Honors  
Alexandria M. Craig  
with Honors  
Christopher Golden  
Van Nguyen  
Brandon Otto  
Alexander Dean Safley,  
with Honors  
Darrin Bryan Sudaria  
Thai Huy Tao, with Honors  
Benjamin Benton Woodroof

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING:
Francisco Benitez De Jesus  
Parker Shane Boyce,  
with Special Honors,  
with University Honors  
Donghyun Eric Choe  
Rodney Dean Fries  
Hunter Reed Helin  
Ivan A. Ilin  
Jacob Taylor Kurz  
Laurence Nicholas Oelkers  
Anton Sergeevich Pancheshnyy  
Wesley Pingel  
Adrienne Roth, with Honors  
Kyle G. Sabourin  
Paul Arthur Schow  
Melissa Anne Spencer,  
with Special Honors  
Ryan Alexander Walsh,  
with Special Honors  
Gabriel Joshua Young

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Azeez Agunbiade  
Mark James Alcantara  
Ermias Asrat  
Luke Benson,  
with Special Honors  
Connor Alexander Burke  
Mitchell W. Castle  
Andrew Colchin  
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Hillary Alexandra Holmes  
Scott Michael Landry  
Kyle Lee Latham  
Orrin N. Lewis  
Zachary Allen Luetzen  
Casey Martin  
Christopher Allen Pena  
Michael Schenck,  
with Special Honors  
Kari E. Scobey  
Jacob Shields  
Zachary Aaron Zdinak Smith  
Max Ryan Thomas  
Heather Meagan Tocci  
Matthew Williamson

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

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COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS, AND SCIENCES
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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY
Nadia Bechtold
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Lauren Hoyal*
Daniel Jaramillo

Jennifer Laquaka*  Robert James Lusk***  Garrison Summers  Rosa Villanueva

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOLOGY
Katelyn Elizabeth Carew*

Jonathan Shigeo Nishimoto  Malcomb Davis Vrecenar

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHEMISTRY
Colin Joshua Asay

Isaac Herold  Morgan Philip Pinto

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
Celize Shaunte Acosta
Carimar Aguiar
Saule Aliyeva
Hussain Abdulrahman Alnkhilan
Chelsea Baird**, with Distinction
Craig Russell Barron
Justin Bills
Warren Kent Bouda
Daniel Bowers
Joseph Brockman
Thomas Bruyere
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Timothy Winsor Burch
Ciera Monique Calloway
Monica Taylor Carrick
John-Paul James Ceballos
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Darrell DeGarmo*
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Kaitlyn Marie Disney
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Jonathan Ferguson
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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DISTRIBUTED STUDIES
John W. Zavada

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CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

Benjamin J. Bogert**, Brandon Morrow Costa
Austin James Patrick Fedrich
Steven W. Goudy
Patrick Lamar Harvey*
Philip-Marcell Joyce**, with High Distinction

Matthew Frederick Kingsbury*  Philip Polacek*, with High Distinction
Ceill Anne Kirkaldie
David Evan McConnaughey
Charlotte Marie Nelson
Michael Curran Paul
Lauren Pickett

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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Cynthia Ruth Barram
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Dana Danielle Bright**, with Highest Distinction
Christian Byrd*
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Benjamin J. Bogert**  Matthew Frederick Kingsbury*
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Amber Renee' Winfrey
Mihwan Yim**,

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Jan Elise Cannon**, with High Distinction
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Ian S. Smith
Garrison Summers
Paola Vega-Reynolds**, with High Distinction

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Leah Dawn McFann
Raquel Reynolds**

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Christian Byrd*, with High Distinction
Phillip Ryan Clark
Nathaniel Dakin

Courtney Eldred
Jared Alexander Lowdermilk
Perry R. Sanders, Ill

Edward Andrew Walker, with High Distinction
Nash Chanell Ward

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Matthew Earl Atwood
Christopher R. Contreras
Melissa Kaye Dwyer
Ivan Evanelli Dyson
John Andrew Ferko

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Jeremy Andrew McLinden**
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Gregory David Peterman
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John David Stoffey*

Nash Chanell Ward

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Shanda Marie Bettis
Lindsey Joyce Birdseye
Katelyn Louise Bueno*
Rachel Kate Carpenter*
Melanie Marie Cecero*
Taylor L. Curtis*
Katherine Renee Daugaard
Leslie Dehnert
Courtney Eldred
Sandra Lea Estredge
Ashleigh Elizabeth Fuller
Leanne Marie Gerding**
Megan Catherine Guinaugh
Kaitlin Jean Henry
Danielle Lynette Hickman
Savannah Howarth
Aspen Shardai Jenkins
Jessica Kochheiser
Steven Lee Kosley
Lenore Marie Leavey
Lilly Gabrielle Lentz
Kira Loftin
Megan Markus
Kelsey Bennett Martin**
Francis Martin Mauro
Kayla McPherson**
Rosa M. Medellin**
Katherine Melgar
Charlene Yvette Melvin-Shaw
Marissa Joan Metz***,
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with University Honors
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Hannah Nicole Mientka
Trinity Moses*
Amara Nagle

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Shelby Wellbrock
Courtney M. Wilkins
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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Zachary Jordan Barrow
Sean Kelley Burke
Emma Larean Fry***,
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Rachel Anne Gardner**,
with Distinction
Molly Hallbach
Jennifer Leigh Kuster*,
with Distinction
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Briana Monson
Erin Schall***

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Tamara Dawn Tiefel
Thomas Aaron Turner**,
with Distinction
Brittney White
Britney Elise Wood**
Emily Beth Zarkovacki*

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH

Michelle Salazar-Lopez,
with Distinction

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Amy Marie Berg***,
with Highest Distinction
Kelly Carmody*, with Distinction
Sara Grace Cofield**, 
with High Distinction
Catherine Anttainette Gainey
Delaney Johanna Hallauer,
with Distinction
Alison Lee Harano*
Jeremy Dewayne Ludwig
Alexa Mashour, with Distinction
Ashley Simone Murphy**, 
with High Distinction

Michelle Annette Pantle***,
with High Distinction
Benjamin Smith***,
with Highest Distinction
Stormie Leigh Vialpando,
with Distinction

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

Christina Cooke
Meagan L. Nahrwold
Mia Sol Pino

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

### MILITARY SCIENCE

**Noble Turner, Major**

**SECOND LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES ARMY**

**Orrin Nicholas Lewis**

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

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HONORING REGENTAL SERVICE

On behalf of UCCS, Chancellor Shockley-Zalabak wishes to thank all the men and women of Colorado who have served on the University of Colorado Board of Regents during times that were instrumental in our success over the past 50 years. The date following each name indicates when he/she was first elected or appointed.

Richard J. Bernick (1958)
Philip A. Danielson (1960)
Dale M. Atkins (1962)
Fred M. Betz, Sr. (1964)
Frank A. Kemp, Sr. (1964)
Daniel F. Lynch (1964)
Harry G. Carlson (1966)
Joseph Coors (1966)
Robert M. Gilbert (1968)
Byron L. Johnson (1970)
Geraldine Bean (1972)
Eric W. Schmidt (1972)
Jack K. Anderson (1973)
Thomas S. Moon (1973)
Raphael J. Moses (1973)
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Jim R. Carrigan (1974)
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Norwood L. Robb (1984)
Robert E. Caldwell (1986)
Kathleen S. Arnold (1988)
Harvey W. Phelps (1988)
David W. Winn (1988)
Robert E. Sievers (1990)
Guy J. Kelley (1992)
Susan C. Kirk (1992)
James A. Martin, Jr. (1992)
Henry F. Anton, Jr. (1994)
Jerry G. Rutledge (1994)
Peter F. Steinhauer (1994)
Maureen Johnson Ediger (1996)

Tom J. Lucero (1998)
Gail Sheridan Schwartz (2000)
Cindy Carlisle (2002)
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Tilman M. Bishop (2006)
James E. Geddes (2008)
Monisha M. Merchant (2008)
Joseph Neguse (2008)
Sue M. Sharkey (2010)
Irene C. Griego (2011)
Glen H. Gallegos (2012)
John K. Carson (2014)
Linda Shoemaker (2014)
HONORARY DEGREES

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, HONORIS CAUSA
1977: Angelo di Benedetto
1978: Marshall Sprague
1979: Lowell Thomas
1981: Paul Engle
        Hualing Nieh
1982: Ignacy Goldberg
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
        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: Neil 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
        Knowles Herzberger
        Stephan M. Schuck,
        Elerimer 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: Stephan 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

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 Fitz
        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
1966
First UCCS student graduates; walked in the Boulder Commencement and listed in the Boulder program.

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

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

1965-1975

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

1977-1992

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

2007
First Ph.D. Psychology graduate.

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

2009
May 2009
First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

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

2009
May 2009
First concurrent high school/UCCS graduate – earns BS in Biology.

1999-present
May Commencement held at new World Arena.

1998
First Ph.D. in Computer Science graduates
First Distance MBA Degree graduate

1988
First Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering graduates

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

1985
Commencement at the BROADMOOR International Center on May 17, 1977. Later ceremonies moved to the original BROADMOOR World Arena.

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1998
First Distance MBA Degree graduate

2005
1999-present
May Commencement held at new World Arena

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

2009
First Bachelor of Innovation™ graduate.

2010
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2008
First graduates under reworked Ph.D. in Engineering.

2009
First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

2010
Dec 2009
First Bachelor of Innovation™ graduate.

2011
May 2011
First Ph.D. in Applied Science graduate.

May 2013
First concurrent high school/UCCS graduate – earns BS in Biology.

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
42,000 alumni.
The history of the University of Colorado dates back to the earliest days of Colorado and precedes the creation of the state. At its first session in 1861, the Colorado territorial legislature passed an act providing for the creation of a university in Boulder. To establish the university, the legislature appropriated $15,000, which was matched by Boulder residents. However, the formal founding was delayed for another fifteen years by the Civil War. When Colorado became the 38th state in the Union in 1876, the university was declared an institution of the state, and the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado was established under Colorado’s State Constitution as its governing authority.

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

Henry Austin, for whom the bluffs on campus were named, purchased a large part of what is now the campus in 1873 to graze herds of sheep.

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

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

The 1930’s stock market crash brought financial disaster to many of the Cragmor Sanitorium’s exclusive clientele. The facility was adapted to serve the health needs of less affluent patients. Alexius Forster’s death in 1954 (took charge of Cragmor in 1910 at age 29) found Cragmor at a loss for medical and financial leadership. The last decade of the sanitorium’s homeopathic life was to become tied to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as Navaho 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 tuberculosis Navajos. George Dwire, Managing Director, oversaw the decade of fiscal recovery for the institution. He created a dynamic program which not only provided for the health needs of hundreds of Navajos infected with tuberculosis but also expanded to include educational and occupational therapy. As the health crisis of the Navajo people subsided so did the Federal funding for Cragmor. By April of 1962, remaining patients were being transferred to other facilities.
As early as the 1920s, the University of Colorado offered courses at numerous Colorado Springs locations including Colorado College and various storefronts. By the mid-1960s, community leaders were pressing for a full-fledged University of Colorado presence in the community. In his negotiations with then-Governor John Love, Hewlett-Packard (HP) co-founder David Packard, a Pueblo native, wanted a permanent University of Colorado campus in Colorado Springs to support the educational needs of company employees. The combination of the state's desire to attract HP to Colorado Springs and George J. Dwire's sale of the defunct 80-acre Cragmor Sanatorium property for $1 led to birth of the Colorado Springs Center of the University of Colorado.

June 15, 1964, commemorated the funding and legislation signed by Governor Love allowing the University of Colorado to assume custody of Cragmor. In 1965, the Colorado Springs Center of the University of Colorado opened on the south side of Austin Bluffs, an area which showcased a spectacular panoramic view of Pikes Peak and the Garden of the Gods; tuition was $13 per credit hour. Professor offices in Cragmor Manor (now Cragmor Hall) were equipped with small kitchenettes and private bathrooms, due to the building’s previous use as a nursing home; Cragmor Manor was added to the Sanatorium in the 1950s. A few offices were still outfitted with this unique piece of history as late as 2002; Cragmor Hall was completely remodeled and reopened in January 2004.

From 1965 to 1972 the Colorado Springs Center operated as a division or extension of the Boulder campus. It became the first permanent home for a growing following of scholars. Colorado Constitutional Amendment 4, approved at the 1972 Colorado General Election, designated the Colorado Springs campus and two other centers as distinct campuses of the University of Colorado. Dwire Hall opened as the first solely academic building on campus in 1972; it was completely remodeled in 2007. In 1974, the University of Colorado reorganized into four campuses – Colorado Springs, Boulder, Denver, and the Health Sciences Center in Denver. The two Denver campuses later consolidated administratively in June 2004; the model was reversed in 2014 for each campus to again have its own chancellor. 1974 also marked the establishment of the first Chancellor of the Colorado Springs campus, with ties to the Boulder campus being changed to have the campus directly reporting to the
President of the University. UCCS grew over the years, and in 1997 the first on-campus student housing opened. That same 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, 50 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 recent years, programs such as the CU Institute for Bioenergetics and the CU Center on Aging cast an eye toward the future. 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 at UCCS. From its original 80 acres, UCCS has added 450 additional acres along Austin Bluffs Parkway and North Nevada Avenue. 2015 has seen the start of robust growth on North Nevada with the fall groundbreaking of the Ent Center for the Arts. The student population has grown significantly as well; as of fall 2015 almost 11,300 students are enrolled on campus.

UCCS spring commencement ceremonies have been held at the old BROADMOOR Ice Arena, a campus parking lot where the Osborne Center for Science & Engineering now stands, and The BROADMOOR World Arena (formerly Colorado Springs 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 both yearly ceremonies are held at The BROADMOOR World Arena. Since the first UCCS commencement in 1975, approximately 42,000 students have graduated from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.
The University of Colorado Colorado Springs mascot is the mountain lion. It is visible across campus in a variety of ways — as the artistic logo on UCCS shuttles, the grand marble statue in the University Center Lower Plaza, 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 Longneckers” - or giraffes – to become the unofficial spirit symbol. This was personified by “Stretch,” a costumed giraffe obtained by former chancellor Dwayne Nuzum. Other options for a new spirit symbol considered by the Student Government Association (SGA) Committee were eagles, prospectors, gold diggers, golden avalanche, and pronghorns. Popularity of the spirit symbol waned with time. Many did not connect the giraffe with “CU Gold” and wanted a stronger identity.

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

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

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FOR YOUR SAFETY

UCCS has taken every possible measure to ensure the safety of our graduates, their families, and their friends during Summer/Fall 2015 Commencement Exercises. You can do your part by noting the following:

- Once you are seated in the BROADMOOR 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 BROADMOOR 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, BROADMOOR World Arena employee, or a uniformed police officer.

Thank you, and congratulations to our summer and fall graduates!