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!

Cordially,

Back Row: John “Jack” Kroll, District 1 (Denver); John Carson, District 6 (Highlands Ranch); Stephen Ludwig, At Large (Denver); Heidi Ganahl, At Large (Superior); Kyle Hybl, District 5 (Colorado Springs)

Front Row: Sue Sharkey, Chair, District 4 (Castle Rock); Irene Griego, District 7 (Lakewood); Glen Gallegos, District 3 (Grand Junction); Linda Shoemaker, Vice Chair, District 2 (Boulder)
ORDER OF EXERCISES

DR. THOMAS J. NAPIERKOWSKI, COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL
UCCS MARSHAL’S CLUB MEMBER*

Prelude
Instrumental Music . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts Honors String Quartet and Honors Jazz Ensemble
Directed by Music Program Director Colin McAllister and Associate Professor of Music Glen Whitehead

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

Ceremony
America the Beautiful (Lyrics on page 7) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts Graduates Deanna Kirkham and Autumn Silvas
The National Anthem (Lyrics on page 7) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts University Choir Directed by Instructor Solveig Olsen
UCCS Chancellor’s Welcome . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy
University of Colorado President’s Remarks . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . President Bruce Benson
Class of 2017 Gift . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . SGA President Joey Vijayam
Congratulations from Distinguished Alumnus . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Professor Emerita Linda K. Hogan
Recognition of the Class of 1992 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy
Recognition of 1965 Main Hall Society Inductees . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy

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Initiation of Graduates into Alumni and Friends Association . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Student Sierra Brown
Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Representative Regent Kyle Hybl
Alma Mater (Lyrics on page 7) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts Instructor Solveig Olsen
Recessional
Music . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Pianist Kelly Zuercher

* 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.
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. 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 15, 2017

Welcome to the University of Colorado Colorado Springs commencement.

Today, the entire university community comes together in celebration of the achievements of the class of 2017, those who earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees. We are pleased that family and friends who played an important role in your journey have joined us in celebration. Their physical presence today is as meaningful as has been their emotional and financial support to get to this milestone achievement.

Commencement ceremonies are steeped in tradition. As part of an exuberant procession of graduates marching into The BROÂDMOOR World Arena, you pass through a line of faculty and staff dressed in brightly colored regalia, receive degrees officially conferred by the University of Colorado Board of Regents, and seal completion with a handshake from the president or chancellor and provost or college dean.

As a campus community, we salute the accomplishments of your past, present and future. We expect the members of the class of 2017 to achieve great things personally and professionally and to make their mark on the world. We are confident UCCS has prepared you for the challenges inherent in a complex and fast-changing world.

The presence of the members of the University of Colorado Board of Regents, faculty, staff and alumni shows the pride of the university in you -- its graduates. We are pleased to welcome you to the family of UCCS alumni as you begin a new chapter in your lives.

This is your moment, graduates. Congratulations.

Venkat Reddy
Chancellor

Welcome to the Alumni & Friends Association!

On behalf of the nearly 45,000 graduates who span the nation and dot the globe, we are excited that you are a lifelong member of the Mountain Lion family.
Stay informed of UCCS news, events, and volunteer opportunities at www.alumni.uccs.edu
LINDA K. HOGAN

Professor Emerita Linda Hogan (Chickasaw) is an internationally recognized public speaker and writer of poetry, fiction, and essays. Her numerous publications include DARK SWEET. New and Selected Poems, INDIOS, Rounding the Human Corners (Pulitzer nominee) and the well-regarded novel People of the Whale. Her other books include novels Mean Spirit, a winner of the Oklahoma Book Award, the Mountains and Plains Book Award, and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize; Solar Storms, a finalist for the International Impact Award, and Power, also a finalist for the International Impact Award in Ireland. In poetry, The Book of Medicines was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. Her work, whether fiction or non-fiction, biographical or researched, expresses an indigenous understating of the world. She also wrote the script for the PBS documentary “Everything Has a Spirit,” which explores Native American religious freedom.

Hogan’s honors include the Colorado Book Award, Minnesota State Arts Board Grant, an American Book Award, and a prestigious Lannan Fellowship from the Lannan Foundation. In addition, she has received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship and has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas, The Wordcraft Circle, and The Mountains and Plains Booksellers Association. Her most recent awards have been a National Artist Fellowship from the Native Arts and Culture Foundation (2015) and the PEN New England Henry David Thoreau Prize (2016). Hogan was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 2007 for her writing.

Professor Hogan started taking classes at UCCS, then better known as the Cragmor Campus, in the early 1970s. At the time, there were only about 500 enrolled students. Most of the faculty were drawn from colleges and universities in the area on a part-time basis and many of the classrooms and hallways still had the medical equipment from Cragmor’s former life as a tuberculosis sanitarium. Linda worked full-time, taking mostly night classes, and later started working in the library as a work-study student. She earned a B.A. in Psychology from UCCS in 1973, followed by her M.A. in English Literature in Creative Writing from University of Colorado Boulder in 1978. Her first university teaching position was at Colorado College, and she has also taught at the University of Minnesota, University of Oklahoma, Indian Arts Institute, Indigenous Education Institution, and was only the second minority woman at the University of Colorado Boulder to become a Full Professor.

She was one of two invited writer-speakers at the United Nations Forum in 2008. Linda has work translated in all major languages by the U.S. Information Office, and speaks and reads her work both nationally and internationally, most recently in Spain as keynote speaker at the Eco-criticism gathering in Alcala’ and at major universities in Taiwan, at the International Studies on Religion, Culture, and Nature in Amsterdam, EASLE (Literature and Environment) in Turkey, and was a plenary speaker at a 2013 conference in Taiwan on Migrants and Memory.

She continues to teach Creative Writing workshops, to give public lectures, addresses, and readings, and to write, with two new books recently finished and others in the works.
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 1967 and 1992 at our 2017 Commencement ceremonies – Golden Graduates are recognized at the Spring ceremonies and Silver Graduates are recognized during the Summer/Fall ceremony.

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

Dressed in silver regalia, alumni of the Class of 1992 will lead the 2017 graduates during today’s ceremony processional.

Class of 1992 Attendees

Lori Auchstetter
Letecia Campbell
Belenda Cornelius
Danette Grantz
Heather Hellickson

Felicia Hubbard
Linda Lynch
Anjelica Pearlman
Sarah Phillips
Steven Shane

Rose Terrell
Ranganath Weiner
Yamuna Weiner
Jamie Wonnett
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 recognized donors who had given lifetime gifts of $500,000 or more spanning the first 50 years of the institution. Starting in 2016, UCCS recognizes cumulative lifetime gifts of $1 million or more. Some of these donors have asked to remain anonymous, and thus, we respect their choice not to be publicly recognized as a Society member. Named in honor of one of the original buildings on the campus, Main Hall, the Society’s membership now totals 51 donors – comprised of individuals, foundations and corporations – an enormous tribute to the value of a UCCS education, its impact on individual lives, and benefits for the future of our region, state, and world. Names of society members will be permanently engraved on a future dedicatory on the campus.

2017 New Inductees:
Anschutz Foundation

Continuing Society Members:
The Balsells Foundation
James and Winnette Berger
Boettcher Foundation
Caring for Colorado Foundation
Bert R. Carollo, MD and
Mary L. Carollo, PA-
Randle and Lena Gail Case
Mary K. Chapman Foundation
Clement Family Foundation
The Colorado Health
Foundation
The Daniels Fund
Jane C. Dillon
The Joseph Henry Edmondson
Foundation
El Pomar Foundation

Charles G. Koch Foundation

Ent Credit Union
Jeffrey Flygare
James L. and Janet M. Gallogly
Dona R. H. Hildebrand
Inasmuch Foundation
Helen K. & Arthur E. Johnson
Foundation
Kane Family Foundation
Keith D. Ketelsen
Sandy and Dorothy Kraemer
Kevin and Jamie Kratt
John E. Lane & Margaret L.
Lane Foundation
Lester B. (Dusty) Loo and
Katherine H. Loo

Nor’wood Foundation
Scott D. Oki
Ed and Mary Osborne
The Penrose-St. Francis Health
Services
Jim and Karen Possehl
The Reisher Family Foundation
Tom and Charlotte Saponas
Marie Walsh Sharpe Art
Foundation
Peter and Vivian Teets
UCHealth Memorial Hospital
Joe and Linda Woodford
Charles and Pam Shockley-
Zalabak
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 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 UNIVERSITY SEAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The presidents of the University of Colorado are:

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

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

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

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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 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.
2017 SUMMER/FALL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ATTENDEES

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Ji Hyun Oh
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Jesse Smith
Patty Witkowski

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Terrance Boult
Jugal Kalita
Andrew Ketsdever
John Lindsey
Gregory Plett
Sudhanshu Kumar Semwal
Heather Song
M. Scott Trimboli
Xin Cindy Wang
Mark Wickert

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Colin Baker
Matt Barton
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Sandra Berry-Lowe
Andrea Brehm
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Li Huang
Lori James
Christina Jimenez
Lauren Kinnee
Kelli Klebe
Amy Klocko
Andrew Klocko
Maja Krakowiak
Karim Larkin
Megha Lybecker
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Colin McAllister
Leah Chandler Mills
Sherry Morreale
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Solveig Olsen
Jane Rigler
Raphael Sassower

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David Moon
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Regina Winters

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Katy Cathcart
Jon Caudill
Don Klingner
Anna E. Kosloski
Michael Martinez
David Moon
Catherine A. Simmons
Rod Walker
Regina Winters

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COMMENCEMENT COORDINATOR
Andrea Cordova

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The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in August and December 2017. 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
Jason Brosseau
Patricia Green
“The Stories within our Voices: Black Males Navigating Educational Achievement”
Donita Torres

PH.D. – ENGINEERING
Adil Ahmad* (emphasis in Security)
“Chainlist: Human Detection in Images”
Sadiq Ali Alhuwaidi (emphasis in Electrical Engineering)
“3D Modeling, Analysis, and Design of a Traveling-Wave Tube Using a Modified Ring-Bar Structure with Rectangular Transmission Lines Geometry”
Abdulaziz Alzubaidi (emphasis in Security)
“Continuous Authentication for Detecting Smartphone Owners Based on App Access Behavior”
Abdullah Sheneamer (emphasis in Computer Science)
“Detection and Analysis of Software Clones”
McKenna Roberts Lovejoy (emphasis in Electrical Engineering)
“Non-Uniformity Correction Using Nonlinear Characteristic Performance Curves for Calibration”
Maciej Pawlikiewicz (emphasis in Electrical Engineering)
“Filamentary-based Resistance Switching RRAM Devices for Memory Applications”
Albert Rodriguez-Marco (emphasis in Electrical Engineering)
“Improvements to Fidelity, Generation and Implementation of Physics-Based Lithium-Ion Reduced-Order Models”
Corbin Spells (emphasis in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
“Development of a Transient Thrust Stand with Sub-millisecond Resolution”

PH.D. – APPLIED SCIENCE
Evangelos Economou (emphasis in Physics)
“Liquid Crystal Based Tunable Bandpass and Bandstop Filters for Millimeter Wave Signal Processing Applications”

PH.D. – PSYCHOLOGY
Tracie Anne Nicoll* (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Engaging Social Support in Future Planning for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities”
Kelly A. O’Malley* (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Caregiver Family Therapy: A Pilot Study of Treatment Fidelity, Acceptability, and Efficacy”
Caitlin J. Tyrrell* (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Stereotypes, Attitudes about Aging, and Optimism and Their Impacts on Vocabulary Performance”

*Summer 2017 graduate walked in Spring 2017 ceremony following successful defense of dissertation; internship completed Summer 2017.
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE - CAPSTONE PROJECT

Lisa Perlmutter
“Educating Primary Care Pediatric Providers to Impact Perception, Attitude and Knowledge of Parental Vaccine Hesitancy”

Erin Barbara Ramsay
“Call/Recall Immunization Program”

Gwen Hicks Wodiuk
“Use of a Website to Increase Political Activity in Arizona Advanced Practice Registered Nurses”
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THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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Jackie Bennett  Sarah Marie Heath  Emily Elizabeth Mosman
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Janet Cristina Dichter  Elizabeth Faye Kirt  Jennifer Robinson
Andrea Elizabeth Draxten  Krystal Lott  Tracy Tilley

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Steven Andrew Case  Holly Ellen Kaspar  Jessica Sandoval
Wen-Yun Cheng  Zachary Kyle Kennedy  Megan Schlesinger
Stephen Colton  Jake James Krasnov  Paul Sheble
Michael DeBonis  Austin Jerome Lenz  Amber Cristina Sicola
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Ian Kirk Erickson  Margaret Manka  Bridget Van Alstine
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Sean Michael Nelson
Ryan Schulman,
with Special Honors
Bryan Samuel Sosa Barillas,
with Special Honors
David Stout,
with Special Honors

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Elise Barrington
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with Honors
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Isaiah Garcia
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Greg Thomas Rendon
Wilfred Reyes
David Robley
Elijah Z. Serna,
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Robert McDaniel Wilhelm
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with Honors

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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOCHEMISTRY
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Madeleine Ann Costa**
Brandon Currie
Angelita Flores
Timothy James Garcia
DeKeveion Glaspie
Victoria Gross
Tori Guster
Cala J. Hageman
Eric S. Haverkamp***
Nicole Taylor Hoffman*

Maelynn Scates Holloway*, with Highest Distinction
Eamon P. Kiely
Hunter Adams King**, with Highest Distinction
Jonathan Blair Latham
Kelty Michaela Lougee
Linda M. Narasaki
Jasmine Joy Nelson**, with Highest Distinction
Sarah Orr*
Jenna Diane Pearce
Monica Michelle Postma

Summer Leann Romney, with Highest Distinction
Danielle Nicole Simmons**, with Highest Distinction
Eleanor Katherine Skelton*
Hannah Mae Smith
Jordyn Taylor
Bradley Uempley
Rebecca Upham**, with Highest Distinction
Jessica Lynn Valvo
Craig Ward

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Tanner Baggett
Toby Barnes***
Lekishia Bellamy
Luke Bohn
Daniel Joe Bush
Steve Castellani*
Victoria Gross
Joshua Jebediah Graul
Austen Hawley*
Kevin Headlee*
Brittany Victoria Herzberg
Jeremy Michael Liechty

Robert Scott Linders
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Agustin Martinez*
Michael Greenwood Maxwell***
Rayna M. Noble
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Andrew Scott Rippe
Amber Elizabeth Roster**
Jacob Harry Savoy
Cassandra Lynn Slaven

Sarah Marie Smith
Heather Louise Stettler
Kathryn Leigh Stilwell
Garrett G. Swope***
Lorenzo Allen Trujillo
Brittany Ranae Vigil
Brian Robert Wesseg**
Damon Charles Williams
Marcus W. Willman

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Joshua Luke Balbontin
Karrah Binkowski
Kurt Blose
Tyler M. Firlit
Jesse Foster
Darren James Grob

Robert Scott Linders
Kent Andrew McGowan**
Derrick Merriwether
Ann Janine Mulligan
with High Distinction
Kimberly M. Nguyen

Nathaniel Wayne Rennicks
Trent A Runyan
Molly Sawyer
Joshua Scuitsky
Michael Allan Smith

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MATHEMATICS

Daniel Boyle**
Kayleen Cheyenne Furrer

Steven Hanenberg
Matt James Rixman

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

Allison Sue Andrzejczak
Willie Blocker*

Edward Charles Heller
Joseph Avery Kent Hollmann

Chris D. Mynatt**

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Mercedes Boone
Jesse Lee Campbell
Raquell Victoria Castillo*
Richard Adam Clinch*

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Brittney Jo Bartz***
Kayla-Marie Bender**
Morgan Brianne Bezona-Ortiz
Adrienne Jade Bohlen**, with High Distinction, with University Honors
Sara Boyle*
Rachel Jean Brown*
Nacquata N. Bryson
Jazlyn Nicolle Carreon
Megan Dawn Coffman
Krysta LeAnne Coleman
Bridget Ann Edmundson
Erica Renee Erickson
Victoria Lynn Faatz*
Christopher Michael Foley*
Jenna Denise Frazier
Nicole Marie Garcia**
Amber Grace
Benjamin Andrew Graf*, with High Distinction
Danielle Gregory
Marla Gromko*
Anjelika Romaine Hammadck
Amber Hill
Jane Foster Hillmann
Anna Holdbrooks
Heather Thalia January*
Min Kyoung Johnson
Hannah Leigh Kammerzell
Sia Taylor Knutzen
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Shoshanna Lane
Katelyn N. Littlefield
Aylissaa Lofton
Jesse Aaron Nichols
Megan Shae O'Driscoll
Ashley Nicole Osborne
Victoria Jane Patterson
Elizabeth Ann Perlinger
Adam Elliott Pfaff
Mesha Porterfield
Jessica Marie Ramirez*
Christina Reuter
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Mallory Jean Taylor
Juliana Marie Tuck
Sadie Urruesta*
Lafonia Ferila-Jacqueline Wendt
Blake A. Whittworth
Lisa Marie Williams

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Olivia Romero

Heide Elena Aguirre
Tolulope Ayoade
John Mitchell Bailey
Julia N. Briggs
Natasha Gillespie
Stevie Rae Guffey
Shawn Elizabeth Hood
Eleanor Myra Martinez
Caeley Christian McDowell**
Sabine Lucila Oakland*
Tom Razani*
Olivia Romero*
Albert Arturo Saavedra
Caitlin Marie Triolo
Brian Twitty
Alicia Waite*

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH

Malissa J. Burnell, with Distinction
Samantha Nicole Quigley

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Joshua Aldrich
Zachary Augustus Anderson
Marina Gabrielle Atchison
Leia Ann Mary Belgrave*, with Highest Distinction
Stefanie Elizabeth Cardin
Augustin M. Duvick**, with Highest Distinction
Molly Garrison
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Nathaniel Hodges***
Jordan Micah Johannes**
Deanna Lynn Kirkham***
Valiant Michael Neshyba Pico
Kathryn Mason Retting
Nadia Cristina Rivera
Autumn Silvas***, with University Honors

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Stephanie Light

Matthew Ryan Coulter
Stephanie Light**
Olivia Romero*

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMMUNICATION | DIGITAL FILMMAKING

Ryan T. Janke
Jameson Taisho Yeaso Kolesar

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### MILITARY SCIENCE

**Lieutenant Colonel John D. Ring**

**SECOND LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES ARMY**

Andrew A. Archuleta

*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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December 15, 2017 • 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 was the featured vocalist at every UCCS commencement.

1975
Graduates were honored with a "recognition ceremony" on-campus.

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

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

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.

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

May 2009
First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

2007
First Ph.D. Psychology graduate.

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

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

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

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

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.

2017
May 2017
Nearly 45,000 alumni.

2018
May 2018
The 2017-18 Faculty Assembly created the UCCS Marshal's Club; the Club selects a Commencement Marshal for each graduation ceremony starting this year going forward.

2018
Dec 2018
First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.
1985

1988
First Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering graduates

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

1995

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

2005

1999-present
May Commencement held at new World Arena

2010

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.

2017

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

2007

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

1998

Dec 2009
Distinguished Alumnus first introduced as December Commencement speaker.

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

2009

First Bachelor of Innovation™ graduate.

May 2012
First recognized Golden and Silver graduates.

2014
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2017

Nearly 45,000 alumni
The history of the University of Colorado dates back to the earliest days of Colorado and precedes the creation of the state. At its first session in 1861, the Colorado territorial legislature passed an act providing for the creation of a university in Boulder. To establish the university, the legislature appropriated $15,000, which was matched by Boulder residents. However, the formal founding was delayed for another fifteen years by the Civil War. When Colorado became the 38th state in the Union in 1876, the university was declared an institution of the state, and the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado was established under Colorado’s State Constitution as its governing authority.

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

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

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

The 1930’s stock market crash brought financial disaster to many of the Cragmor Sanitorium’s exclusive clientele. The facility was adapted to serve the health needs of less affluent patients. Alexius Forster’s death in 1954 (took charge of Cragmor in 1910 at age 29) found Cragmor at a loss for medical and financial leadership. The last decade of the sanitorium’s homeopathic life was to become tied to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as Navajo Indians were flown in to Cragmor. This was one of the first public health programs launched by the newly formed U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). The first Indian patients arrived at Cragmor in 1952 with the signing of a government contract between the Cragmor Foundation and HEW. The institution would be guaranteed a permanent base of financial support. In return, Cragmor would provide for the medical needs of hundreds of tuberculous Navajos. George Dwire, Managing Director, oversaw the decade of fiscal recovery for the institution. He created a dynamic program which not only provided for the health needs of hundreds of Navajos infected with tuberculosis but also expanded to include educational and occupational therapy. As the health crisis of the Navajo people subsided so did the Federal funding for Cragmor. By April of 1962, remaining patients were being transferred to other facilities. As early as the 1920s, the University of Colorado
offered courses at numerous Colorado Springs locations including Colorado College and various storefronts. By the mid-1960s, community leaders were pressing for a full-fledged University of Colorado presence in the community. In his negotiations with then-Governor John Love, Hewlett-Packard (HP) co-founder David Packard, a Pueblo native, wanted a permanent University of Colorado campus in Colorado Springs to support the educational needs of company employees. The combination of the state's desire to attract HP to Colorado Springs and George J. Dwire's sale of the defunct 80-acre Cragmor Sanatorium property for $1 led to birth of the Colorado Springs Center of the University of Colorado.

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

From 1965 to 1972 the Colorado Springs Center operated as a division or extension of the Boulder campus. It became the first permanent home for a growing following of scholars. Colorado Constitutional Amendment 4, approved at the 1972 Colorado General Election, designated the Colorado Springs campus and two other centers as distinct campuses of the University of Colorado. Dwire Hall opened as the first solely academic building on campus in 1972; it was completely remodeled in 2007. In 1974, the University of Colorado reorganized into four campuses – Colorado Springs, Boulder, Denver, and the Health Sciences Center in Denver. The two Denver campuses later consolidated administratively in June 2004; the model was reversed in 2014 for each campus to again have its own chancellor. 1974 also marked the establishment of the first Chancellor of the Colorado Springs campus, with ties to the Boulder campus being changed to have the campus directly reporting to the President of the University. UCCS grew over
the years, and in 1996 the first on-campus student housing opened. The next year a community referendum merged the city-owned Beth-El College of Nursing with the campus. During the 2010-2011 new branding campaign, “at” was removed from the official UCCS name – University of Colorado at Colorado Springs – to become University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

Because of the ties to HP, initial university programs focused on engineering and business. Today, 52 years after its beginning, UCCS offers 46 bachelor’s, 22 master’s, and five doctoral degrees in six colleges and schools. The initial university programs of engineering and business still serve as pillars of the university, and are joined by a broad range of degree programs offered in the liberal arts and sciences, as well as professional programs in nursing, education and public affairs to meet the needs of Colorado’s second-largest metropolitan area and beyond. In 2012, Colorado Springs voters again added to the UCCS campus by agreeing to lease city-owned Memorial Hospital to University of Colorado Health. As part of the agreement, an administrative branch of the CU School of Medicine is in the Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences at UCCS. Recently, partnerships as with the National Cybersecurity Center cast an eye toward the future. From its original 80 acres, UCCS has added 450 additional acres along Austin Bluffs Parkway and North Nevada Avenue. North Nevada continues growth with the anticipated opening of the Ent Center for the Arts in early 2018. The student population continues to grow significantly as well; as of fall 2017 more than 12,400 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. The first December commencement ceremony for summer and fall graduates was held on December 14, 2007 at the Pikes Peak Center. After only two years, the December graduates outgrew the Pikes Peak Center, and now all yearly ceremonies are held at The BROADMOOR World Arena. Since the first UCCS commencement in 1975, approximately 43,300 students have graduated from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.
The University of Colorado Colorado Springs mascot is the mountain lion. It is visible across campus in a variety of ways – as the artistic logo on UCCS shuttles, the grand marble statue on El Pomar Plaza (moved from University Center Lower Plaza in March 2016), and the costumed mascot who ignites crowds at athletic games and official campus events. The mountain lion is an integral part of campus life, but that has not always been the case.

As UCCS began to develop an intercollegiate sports program in the 1980s, it became necessary to establish team identity with official colors and a mascot. In 1986, the first UCCS mascot, the hawk, was chosen and green and white sports uniforms were purchased. The Editor’s Corner in The Scribe (student newspaper) was even renamed “The Hawk’s Eye.” Until this time, the campus was told it was part of the University of Colorado System, and as such, already had a mascot — the buffalo. NCAA rules stated that due to differences in division level sports played at the Boulder and Colorado Springs campuses 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 2017 Commencement Exercises. You can do your part by noting the following:

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

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