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,

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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)
May 11, 2018

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
May 11, 2018

Dear Graduates,

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 2018, 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 BroadMOOR 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 2018 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 nearly 45,000 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.ucss.edu
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

The Student Achievement Award is an annual award that has been in existence since 1982. It is presented during the annual Campus Awards Ceremony to a student who has excelled in one or both of the following areas:

- Made a significant personal accomplishment in conjunction with earning a degree (e.g., overcame a personal barrier, or undertook a special student research project)
- Made a substantial contribution to the quality of student life at UCCS (e.g. served with a student organization, launched a new program or group)

This year’s speakers are:

Nayda Benítez (10:30 Ceremony)

Nayda Benítez is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. As a first generation student, Nayda had a dream to attend college and dedicated her life to reaching her goal. She did this without a shortage of obstacles and barriers.

Nayda has shown herself to be passionate about service and is a natural born leader. She was a Chancellor’s Leadership Class (CLC) scholar and was involved in several on and off campus organizations. On campus, Nayda was a member of the Latino Student Union, Student Diversity Council, The President’s Council, and is the founding President of Unidos -- an organization for undocumented students/Dreamers, and students connected to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Advancing Students for a Stronger Tomorrow (ASSET), and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) programs. Off campus, Nayda is the Co-Founder of the Springs Dream Team where she currently serves as lead community organizer.

Nayda has made a significant impact at UCCS and in the broader community. She is a driving force in the community when it comes to access to higher education for undocumented youth. Nayda, through her activism and volunteer work, has made it possible for many students to gain access to college and remain in college. She has built many connections and has become a go-to person in the community for many individuals and families. After graduation Nayda plans to continue this work and make a bigger impact at the national level. Her legacy of leadership and commitment will serve her well in these endeavors. UCCS thanks Ms. Benítez for her impact on the university.

Justin McConnell (2:30 Ceremony)

Justin McConnell is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. Despite facing adversity in his degree progress, due to financial obstacles that forced him to quit school entirely twice in his undergraduate career, Justin persevered. He was on the Dean's list for several semesters and worked hard to earn a graduating GPA of 3.74.

Justin was a student worker in the Disability Services office since March 2015. During his employment, he showed care for others, a positive attitude and ability to collaborate with UCCS’ diverse population of students, faculty, and staff. Along with being a student employee, Justin held an internship position and was the President of the UCCS chapter of American Marketing Association (AMA). Under his leadership, the UCCS club took on the challenge of designing a logo and branding material for a local entrepreneur. His goal was for all members to graduate with a great initial portfolio and with direct client experience.

Justin's art was published in the UCCS literary and art journal, riverrun, in 2016 and 2017. He was the only artist selected to deliver a public speech about the creation and meaning of his work. Justin completed another personal pre-graduation goal in 2017 when he finished a complete rough draft of a novel he had been planning for some time. Justin aspires to a marketing career upon graduation and for his novel to be published in May 2018. Mr. McConnell represents the best of what the Student Achievement Award honors.
Mary Osborne always felt a responsibility to support her community. Multiple organizations in Colorado Springs have benefited from her generosity, and UCCS would likely be a much different campus if it were not for her and her husband, Ed.

They served as UCCS co-chairs on the CU Creating Futures fundraising campaign. The Osborne Center for Science and Engineering was dedicated in their honor in 2011 after their lifetime giving surpassed $10 million. The Osborne Studio Theater at the Ent Center for the Arts also carries their name. Mary has provided support for the Karen Possehl Women’s Endowment, Aging Center, Family Development Center and TheatreWorks.

As New York natives, the Osbornes moved to Colorado Springs in 1969 when Ed accepted a teaching position at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Mary joined the accounting firm of Price and Moeller, and became the first woman to be named partner for a CPA firm in Colorado Springs at Price, Moeller, Mayberry and Osborne in 1972. She served four years on the Colorado State Board of Accountancy by an appointment from Governor Richard Lamm and eventually retired as senior partner at Osborne, Parsons and Rosacker in 2008.

While she made her mark as a trailblazer in the accounting field, Mary became active in the community with a 25-year relationship with Pikes Peak Hospice. She also supported Silver Key Senior Services, Springs Rescue Mission, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the United States Olympic Museum. The Osbornes made their first of many gifts to UCCS in 1997.

Mary received the UCCS Family and Friends Award in 2007 and was named an Unstoppable Woman by the Karen Possehl Women’s Endowment in 2011. The Osbornes were selected as the Honored Couple during the 2010 Colorado Springs Debutante Ball. The late Murray Ross featured them in “The Complete Life and Love of Ed and Mary Osborne (Slightly Reduced)” that premiered May 12, 2011, at TheatreWorks.

UCCS lauds Mary Osborne for her leadership and commitment to the university. The University of Colorado Board of Regents is proud to present her the 2018 University Medal in recognition of her outstanding contributions and support.

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

A native of Trinidad, Colorado, and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Jay Cimino has always remembered his roots. The president and chief executive officer for the Phil Long Family of Dealerships stresses community commitment, quality service and exceptional value with his employees. Jay models his vision with the benefits to his employees, the work in his hometown and his development of the Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center in Trinidad and the Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center in Colorado Springs.

Mt. Carmel created an integrated health care model with doctors, nurses, physician assistants and therapists for non-emergency, high-quality and patient-centered services. Jay developed the Phil Long Operation Home Support program to provide emergency transportation for spouses of deployed soldiers; the Home Front Cares organization for emergency services related to home, vehicle and living needs for active-duty soldiers and veterans; and the Returning Heroes program to provide a reconnection retreat for soldiers and their spouses after deployment. He also contributes to the Warrior Transition Battalion and Fort Carson Resiliency Campus.

Using the same holistic approach from Mt. Carmel, Jay built gym facilities, developed a health and wellness program, and opened an on-site health clinic available for his 900 employees and their families. The program includes personal training, weight loss, nutrition, tobacco cessation classes, yoga and more.

He opened new dealerships in Trinidad and nearby Raton, New Mexico, and established the Trinidad Community Foundation. He was instrumental in the La Puerta de Colorado project to encourage redevelopment and granted land for a new visitor center and retail shopping space in his hometown.

Jay has been involved with multiple non-profits like Pikes Peak United Way, Care and Share Food Bank, the Food Bank of the Rockies, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the Lung Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society. He attended Trinidad State Junior College and earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Denver.

UCCS lauds Jay Cimino for his community leadership and commitment to the university. The University of Colorado Board of Regents is proud to present him the 2018 Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions and support.
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.
MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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

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

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

MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS

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

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

VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The presidents of the University of Colorado are:

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THE CHANCELLOR’S CHAIN OF OFFICE

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

The chain is a traditional part of academic regalia that provides recognition at formal events to the person who currently holds the position of chancellor, as well as those who previously filled the role. The Chancellor’s Chain of Office is connected with the interlocking CU to symbolize campus ties to the University of Colorado System. The words “Chancellor” and “Colorado Springs” surround the chain’s medallion of the university’s seal. The chain includes links denoting the university’s six colleges and schools; it also includes individual links recognizing all UCCS chancellors. The chancellors listed are:

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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-EI) ....... Gold
Master of Business Administration .......... Sapphire
Master of Science in Accounting .......... 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 .............................. Light Blue
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.
2018 SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ATTENDEES

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Vice Chancellor for Student Success, Sentwali Bakari
Senior Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and Development, Martin Wood

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MJ Arjomandi
Matt Barton
Christopher Bell
Sandra Berry-Lowe
Jeff Broker
Stephen Carter
Leah Chandler-Mills
George Cheney
Edgar Cota-Torres***
Mary Coussons-Read
Joseph Craig
Corey Drieth
Liesl H. Eberhardt***
Leilani Feliciano
Sean Forrest
Nina Ellis Frischmann
Brandon Gavett
Terry Geiger
Cerian Gibbes
Amy Haines
Erik M. Hanson
John Harner
David Havlick
Andrea Herrera^^
Lisa Hines
Curt Holder
Christina M. Jiménez***
Lauren Kinnee
Michael Kisley
Kelli Klebe
Amy Klocko
Andrew D. Klocko
James M. Kovacs
Esther O. Lamidi
Kevin Landis
Karin Larkin
Meghan Lybecker
Suzanne P. MacAulay*
Katherine Mack
Molly Maxfield
Colin McAllister
Emily Mooney
Sherry Morreale
Solveig Olsen
Barbara Prinari**
Sara Qualls
Jane Rigler
Ronald R. Ruminiski
Kristin Samuelson
Raphael Sassower^^
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Max Shulman
Stephanie Rose SpaULDing
Constance Staley
Carmen Stavrositu
Andrew Subudhi
Stephen Cho Suh
Sonja Tanner
Susan B. Taylor
Janice G. Thorpe
Kevin Tyrdy***
Susan Tyra
Tiffany Tinsley Weeks
Carole Woodall
Laura B. Zimmerman
Kelly Zuercher

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

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Associate Dean Robert Block

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Dean George Reed

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Dean Valerie Martin Conley
Timothy J. Callahan
Barbara J. Frye
Bobby Gagnon
Patricia Green
Laura Marshall
Josie Smith
Monica Yoo

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE
Interim Dean Xiaobo Zhou
Terrance Boults

KRAEMER FAMILY LIBRARY
Dean Martin Garnar
Suzanne L. Byerley
Joel Tonyan

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Sandy Ho
Bev Kratzer
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Deborah O’Connor
Tony Pitts
Valerie J. Schwinn
Sabrina Wienholtz
Greg Williams

* Commencement Marshal, ** Faculty/Directors Marshal, *** Faculty/Directors Graduate Floor Marshals,
^^Distinguished Professor, ^^President’s Teaching Scholar
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– 2:30 PM CEREMONY

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Gina Burton
Sue Davis
Jay Dawes
Amanda Elder
Craig Elder
Steven L. Ferguson
Benjamin Galatzan
Susan Garrett
Eileen Gerrard-Gough
Helen L. Graham
Margaret Harris
Cheryl Hawkinson
Margaret Hunt
Andrea M. Hutchins
Deborah J. Kenny
Jess Kirby
Morgan Lee
Sherry Lee
Keston Lindsay
Rebekah Lynch
Nanna L. Meyer
Denise E. Millot
Lynn Phillips
Deborah Pina-Thomas
Deborah Pollard
Kathy Prue-Owens
Judith Scott
Jefferson M. Spicher
Mysha M. Tompkins
Carole G. Traylor
Deborah Tuffield
Mary Claire Wahl
Teresa W. Yambo
Evonne Young

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Margo Beranek
Robert Block
Thomas Duening
Jeff Ferguson***
Carol Finnegan
Monique L. French
Tracy Gonzalez-Padron
Spencer J. Harris
Gary Klein
Gregory Krems
Benjamin Kwitek
Brian McAllister
Matthew Metzger
Brian C. Payne
Assma Sawani
Gordon M. Stringer
Scott Van Ness
James R. Van Scoter
Yang Xu

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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Jon Caudill
Anna E. Kosloski
Yongjei Lee
Michael Martinez
Sheilagh McAteer
Edin Mujic
Catherine A. Simmons
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Kee Warner

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- Bob McHugh, former Lecturer, College of Business
- Daryl Miller, Lecturer, College of Education and College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
- Jon Pigage, Associate Professor, Biology Department
- Harlow Sheidley, Professor Emerita, History Department
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

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

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!
The National Anthem, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Those broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
'Over the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
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ORDER OF EXERCISES, 10:30 AM

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

DR. SUZANNE MACAULAY, COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL
UCCS MARSHAL’S CLUB MEMBER*

Prelude
Instrumental Music . . . . . . . Visual and Performing Arts 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 . . . . . . Pianist Kelly Zuercher
– Arranged by Joseph Prostakoff

Ceremony
America the Beautiful (Lyrics on page 16). . . . . . . Graduates Brittany Merritt and Eleanor Stuart
B.A. in Visual and Performing Arts
Directed by Instructor Solveig Olsen

The National Anthem (Lyrics on page 16) Visual and Performing Arts University Choir
Directed by Instructor Solveig Olsen

UCCS Chancellor’s Welcome . . . . . . Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Thomas Christensen

Class of 2018 Gift . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Graduate Joey Vijayam
SGA President
B.S. in Biology

Congratulations from 2018 Student Achievement Award Recipient . . . . . . Graduate Nayda Benítez
B.A. in Sociology

Presentation of Distinguished Service Award . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Mr. Jay Cimino

Conferring of Advanced Degrees (page 19)

Recognition of Honors Graduates . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Provost Thomas Christensen

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees (page 21)

Initiation of Graduates into Alumni and Friends Association . . . . . . Graduate Micah Radakovich
Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Representative
B.A. in Communication and B.A. in English

ChARGE to the Graduates . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Regent Kyle Hybl

Alma Mater (Lyrics on page 16) 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.
CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in May 2018. Graduates will receive their diploma jackets by walking across the commencement stage in two lines in order of college or school listed in the program.

GRADUATE SCHOOL
Kelli Klebe, Dean

PH.D. – APPLIED SCIENCE
Aaron Ferona (emphasis in Physics)
“Nonlinear and Chaotic Magnetization Dynamics in Single-Domain Nanoparticles and Exchange-Coupled Thin-Films”

PH.D. – PSYCHOLOGY
Ashita Gurnani* (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“The Colorado Cognitive Assessment (CoCA): Development of a Screening Tool that Provides Process Information and is Scored Using Modern Psychometrics”

Joie Molden* (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Effects of Age-Based Stereotype Threat and Dementia-Related Diagnosis Threat on Older Adults’ Objective and Subjective Cognitive Functioning”

Evan Plys* (emphasis in Clinical Geropsychology)
“Programmed Activity Attendance in Assisted Living: A Study of Theory of Planned Behavior”

*Summer or Fall 2018 graduate walking in Spring 2018 ceremony following successful defense of dissertation; internship completion Summer or Fall 2018.
CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

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

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED GEOGRAPHY
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Rebecca Gronewold#
Arielle Loretta Cassidy Amarra Handsome Ivan Guillermo Valles
Brent Paul Courtney

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Kayla Gronseth Boyer
Brandon Applehans Alex Robert Koehler Laina Cosata Salani
Taylor Nicole Braden Victoria Ann Ortiz Hannah Joelle Shiver
Kayla Gronseth Boyer Racquel Mariah Paywa Iwalani Elinor Wolff
Mary Iskandarov

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Colin McAllister
Kayla Crosbie Timothy Kristopher Lorenzen Mike L. Stephen
Stephanie Grace Fields Colin McAllister Elijah Wallace
Madelyn Alyssa Husted

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Adam Isaac Silver
Kristen Bowman Lauren Michelle Schneider Sharlynn Thompson
Amanda Devane Adam Isaac Silver Taylor Vosven
Katie Ann Johanson Jerika Allison Taylor Robert Halsey Wickersham
Jennifer Roberts

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Steven Paul Cassidy
Steven Paul Cassidy Megan Symmone Seabron Katelyn Marie Troastle
Christopher Schmidt Jessi Jill Shonk

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Meng Li
Allison Elizabeth Donahue Justin Kirk Garrish Meng Li

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN BIOLOGY
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Claire Trotter, Taylor Jean Van Gundy
Andrea Davaro Claire Trotter Taylor Jean Van Gundy
Glenn Glenn Staton

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN CHEMISTRY
Cynthia Anonuevo Corley

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN MATHEMATICS
Xian Feng Liang Ryan William Sandee Suzanna Marie Snyder

#Degree was awarded at UCCS Summer/Fall Commencement, December 2017.
CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Caitlin Grace Konchan#

Jessica N. Blondolillo  Cameron Royal Dacuma  Danielle Marie Lopez
Emily Kathlene Bryant  Jenna Lynn Hardy*  Marcelo Weese

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOCHEMISTRY
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: William M. Brandon
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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOLOGY
Brianne Alexandra Azuer  Megan Nicole McCutcheon**  Meredith Kate Wilemon
Alexander Hewett  Mariah Katherine Daniellle Osborn
Jessica Howard

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHEMISTRY
Meredith Bailey Powers

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: Joshua Boehnke, Jonathan David Douglas, Jacob Guilez, Alice Catherine McBroom, Amner Carmona Molina, Anne Elise Stewart

Fadel Ahmed M Alabdullah  Yolonda Frazee  Rachel Jean Menkhus*
Ruth Nadia Alico  Alexander Franz Gartner  Nicholas Scott Miller
Kimberly Cathleen Almacen**, with Mountain Lion Honors  Ellyn Marie Gignilliat  Amner Edgardo Carmona Molina*, with High Distinction
Alec A. Amesqua  Audrianna Mae Gilmore
Marcus Amos  Tanner Fry Goheen**, with High Distinction
Audrey I. Arnick  Patrick Gordon
Olivia Back  Matthew Thomas Grenier
Anne Benfatti  Matthew Scott Griffith
Kari Taylor Benson  Jacob Guilez***
Janae Mariah Black  Zachary Thomas Hall
Joshua Boehnke**  Micah Lyne Radakovich***, with University Honors
Charles Edwin Botnick  Katarina Leatrice Harp
Matteus Taber Camacho  Anthony Hilton
Ashley Hilary Campbell**  Bruce Yasir Jackson
Andrew Lebaron Carter  Brianna M. Johnston
Stephanie Jane Cikanek  Caleb Joles
Justin Anthony Cook  Russel P. Keller
Cody Jacob Costra**  Stephanie Kol**, with High Distinction
Jolena Helen Dombrowski  with High Distinction
Joshua Lawrence Dorado  Kristen LaRoy**, with Distinction
Jonathan David Douglas, with Highest Distinction  Jamie Nicole MacNab*
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THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

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Jacob Richard Blaettler
Matt Jeffrey Bone
Miranda Renee Bonvillain**, with High Distinction
Jacob Campagnola**
Anthony Scott Davila

with Distinction:

Joanna Galaska**, with High Distinction
Thomas Zhang Huang
Nicholas Timothy Huwe
Chase Mabry**, with Highest Distinction
Haley Michelle Reed

Sonya Ann Rogers
Jeong Seo
Cameron D. Stark, with Distinction
Philip Michael Wagner*, with Mountain Lion Honors
William Young Yun

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Ryan Hamby, Nick Anthony Leonard, Daneal Briana Liller, Micah Lynne Radakovitch

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Austin Sheridan Arnold
Brittany Marie Baker***, with Highest Distinction
Kimberly Jean Baker
Danielle Bettis
Skyler Robert Bishop, with Highest Distinction, with Mountain Lion Honors
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Lindsey Rae Buland-Massey*
Halie Kathleen Cain*
Malcolm Andre Campbell
Callie Marie Claugus
Charli Cowan
Joshua Michael Dearborn*, with Highest Distinction
Kaitlyn Emma Donnelly
Hannah Marie Ducharme*
Amanda Marie Fox
Sarah Gunter*
Heather Gutekunst***, with Highest Distinction, with University Honors
Ryan Hamby***, with Highest Distinction
Rachel Megan Harlow**, with Highest Distinction
Shelby L. Hunt
Bailey Rae Kentera***
Lauren Michelle King
James Moir Lavallette*
Rachel N. Leidel***, with Highest Distinction
Nick Anthony Leonard***, with Highest Distinction
Daneal Briana Liller, with Highest Distinction
Brittney Lippert
Julien Loeper
Joseph Christopher Macasero
Samantha Leon Guerrero McMahon
Kaci Meek

Claire Mary Nibbe**, with Highest Distinction
Priscilla Perez**
Micah Lynne Radakovitch***, with Highest Distinction, with University Honors
Hailey Jean Robinson*
Troy Roth
Makenna Jae Smith*
Gabrielle Soileau
Daniel John Swanepoel
Brady Theis
Kayleigh Rose Thiel, with Highest Distinction
Andrew Joseph Thompson
Paul David Tomes*, with Highest Distinction
Kashli Nicole Kay West
David C. White
Renee Leanne Wickiser
Cheyenne Carol Wilcox*
Kayla Renee Woodhouse***, with Highest Distinction

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Mackenzie John Kane, Lisa Nicole Wilkening

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Ryan Bickford Fridmanis**
Cassandra Von Geeseys
Katelyn Marie Gray

Josef Eagon David Judy
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Alex Marcynska
Austin James Matheny
Mackenzie June Morrow
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Lucas Dean Prall
Nicole Suzanne Rafter**
Colin Romano

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Anya Schneider
Jonathan Sedmak
Charles Stankiewicz
Shannon Michelle Summers***
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Jake Joseph Thompson
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Allie V. Trevizo
Diane Nicole Wall
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Mariah Averianna Willey*
Courtney Jean Williams
Lisa Marie Williams
Morgan Gabrielle Zimkus
Marissa Nichole Zurfluh

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Eve Francesca Aubermann
Eve Francesca Aubermann**
Nayda Yamel Benitez*
Jessica Renee Canville
David Colvert
Chris Ray De Hart-Reed
Missy Joy Dillavou
Keely Nicole Eacker
Sandy Lee Fates***
Erika Rose Gerber
Rachel Beth Ginsburg
Drake Lynn Inkster
Erin Lois Kennedy
Cori Rae Kiepke**
Krista Luizza
Amodj Carla Yasmine Manga
Madeleine S. Martin
Brenna Christine Peck***
Sofia Francesca Ruster-Villa**, with Mountain Lion Honors
Terri Leigh Smith
Ann Jeanette Taylor
Caitlin Marie Triolo
Jessica Canville Wulf

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Brooklyn Maureen Grinage, Alma Totten
Samantha Ginn Alvarado
Veronica E. Carriedo*
Marisabel Fierro
Emilia D. Granados*, with Distinction
Brooklyn Maureen Grinage, with Distinction
Derrek Powell
Alma Totten***, with Highest Distinction

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

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Robert Earl Bowen, Sean Christian, Kristine Henrich, Jansen Howard, Jordan Johannes*, Heather Marie Poll, Jareth Spirio, Eleanor M. Sturt

Alexander James Abundis  Jansen Howard***, with Highest Distinction  Destiny Else Rinder***, with Highest Distinction
Angie Kay Ainsworth**, with High Distinction  Benjamin Michael Jones  Evelyn Laura Smith
Laura Benitez***, with Highest Distinction  Chloe Kiskiras  Patrick Smith
Robert Earl Bowen***, with Highest Distinction  Henry Valentine Knauer  Angela R. Sparks
Robert Curtis Stokes, with Distinction  Shannah Leaf  Jareth Spirio*, with High Distinction
Samantha Day  Sarah Lewis  with Distinction
Sean Christian  Victoria Michelle Lord**, with Highest Distinction  Robert Curtis Stokes, with Distinction
Monica Charae Duck*  Travis Walter Henry McDowell*  Eleanor M. Sturt***, with Highest Distinction
Alexis Fletcher  Brittany N. Merritt, with High Distinction  with Mountain Lion Honors
Jordan C. Frazier  Staci Renee Mize***, with Highest Distinction  Bethany Elizabeth Tindell, with Highest Distinction
Jennifer Olivia Gebhart**  Kevin W. Mulligan**, with High Distinction  Adam Christopher Toomes**, with High Distinction
Molly Elizabeth Gillard*, with Distinction  Heather Marie Poll*, with Distinction  Avery Zaleski, with High Distinction
Jonathen Gonzalez
Jessica Nicole Hampton*, with Distinction
Kristine Henrich**, with Highest Distinction

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Gail Rosemary Oliver

Robert Earl Bowen***  Keeley Marie Griego**  Ariel Sumay McPherson
Corliss Alexander Brekken  Heather Gutekunst***  Gail Rosemary Oliver**

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMMUNICATION | DIGITAL FILMMAKING

Garrett Kuecker

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

Grace C. Gibbens

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOCHEMISTRY

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Joshua Allen Stoll

Justin David Becker*  Sonali Mahesh Patel*  Joshua Allen Stoll*
Samantha Emory Coyne  Tharon Stewart  Makenzie Urban**
Hunter Lee Fausset

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Jessie E. Adams  Tenaya Dawn Collins*, with Mountain Lion Honors  Fabienne Sophie Haas***
Victionary Ann Allen  Jeffrey Benjamin Delano**  Saya Hamad
Jessica Lian Bender  Sasha Yevdokiya Dooley  Stephanie Michelle Henrie**
Cody Bridgewater  Trent Skye Dumlao  Toan N. Hoang
Dorian Lee Carter***  Breana Leigh Hoynes
Aron Chavez  Tyler Kenneth Johnson
Yvonne Clarke***  Lena M. Erker**
Kristine Noel Collins  Karolyn Florek  Jodi E. Keen
Jessica Nicole Davis  Jacob Franklin  Tylor King**
Sacey Day  Kirollos Ramez Adib Gabrah***

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Joshua Allen Stoll

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Kaitlyn Mantelli***  
Tommaso A. Mason**  
Mikayla Patricia  
McManimon-Garland**  
Eva Allen Medina*  
Kristen Diane Mickens*  
Dustie Minton,  
with Mountain Lion Honors  
Jose Luis Montanez  
Ashley Morgan  
Bryan Moulton***  
Gail Rosemary Oliver**  
Steven Orban**,  
with University Honors  
Sam Grant Payne  
Joanna Michelle Platek**,  
with University Honors  
Alisha Pickett  
Katherine Elizabeth Pinto  
Angela Lee Popish  
Michelle Price  
Stephanie Ramos-urrea  
Kaylene Ross**  
Nicole Russell***  
Alexis Lynn Ryan*  
Stephen Alexander Sanchez  
Joshua James Shea  
Jon Daniel Spriet  
Denisse Tejeda Esteban  
Taylor D. Vance*  
Joey Vijayam  
Liliana Vonderohe  
Cynthia Watson  
Bailey Ann Weidner***  
Darian Darian Weiss  

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Andrew Timothy McGrath, Louis M. Swanson
Sarah Dietrick  
Andrew Timothy McGrath*,  
with High Distinction  
Louis M. Swanson**,  
with High Distinction

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Elizabeth Sarah Peterson
Brian R. Durbin  
Elizabeth Sarah Peterson**  
Carmen D. Plowman  
Emma Jane Shirley
Nikolaus Ryan Higgins  
Hari Sridhar***  
Alexander J. Jurgs

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS AND ENERGY SCIENCE

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Nick Wilhelm Jenkins
Jonathon Chaim Davidson***  
Philippe Jones  
Jeffery Marshall Smith
Nick Wilhelm Jenkins***  
Alexander Dwight Schmidt*  
Carlos Vazquez

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1965 1975

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

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

1980
Fielding West was the first Ph.D. Psychology graduate.

1988
First Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering graduates.

1998
First Ph.D. in Computer Science graduates.

2005
First Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Research & Policy graduates.

2009
First Ph.D. in Applied Science graduate.

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.
1985

- 1988
  First Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering graduates

1995

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

2005

- 1999-present
  May Commencement held at new World Arena

2018

- 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.

2018

- Nearly 45,000 alumni.

May 2011

- First Ph.D. in Applied Science graduate.

2010

- Dec 2009
  Distinguished Alumnus first introduced as December Commencement speaker.
- May 2010
  First Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Research & Policy graduates.
- May 2012
  First recognized Golden and Silver graduates.

May 2005

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

1984-2013

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

1998

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

1999-present

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

2013-present

- First Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

1984-2013

- First recognized Golden and Silver graduates.

1988

- First Ph.D. in Applied Science graduate.

1985

- First Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering graduates.

1985-2013

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ORDER OF EXERCISES, 2:30 PM

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

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

Prelude
Instrumental Music ................................................................. Visual and Performing Arts 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 ................. Pianist Kelly Zuercher
Arranged by Joseph Prostakoff

Ceremony
America the Beautiful (Lyrics on page 16) ........................................ Graduates Brittany Merritt and Eleanor Stuart
B.A. in Visual and Performing Arts
Directed by Instructor Solveig Olsen

The National Anthem (Lyrics on page 16) ........................................ 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 2018 Gift ................................................................. SGA Vice President Kennedy Watson

Congratulations from 2018 Student Achievement Award Recipient ........ Graduate Justin McConnell
B.S. in Business

Presentation of University Medal .................................................... Mrs. Mary Osborne

Recognition of the Class of 1968 ....................................................... Chancellor Venkateshwar Reddy

Conferring of Advanced Degrees (page 32)
Recognition of Honors Graduates ................................................ Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Thomas Christensen

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees (page 37)
Initiation of Graduates into Alumni and Friends Association .................... Student Laveen Khoshnaw
Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Representative

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

Alma Mater (Lyrics on page 16) ........................................................ Visual and Performing Arts Instructor Solveig Olsen

Recessional
Music ...................................................................................... Pianist Kelly Zuercher

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In 2012, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs began a new Commencement tradition for two very special groups of alumni – our Golden and Silver Graduates. These alumni graduated 50 and 25 years ago, respectively, and helped build the foundation of what our university has become today. We are honored to recognize the classes of 1968 and 1993 at our 2018 Commencement ceremonies – Golden Graduates recognized at the Spring ceremony and Silver Graduates recognized during the Summer/Fall ceremony.

UCCS operated as an extension of the Boulder campus in 1968, so each of these graduates received his or her degree from Boulder and participated in commencement exercises on the University of Colorado Boulder campus.

In 1997 a Colorado Springs community referendum merged the city-owned Beth-El College of Nursing, founded in 1904, with UCCS. Though not graduates of UCCS, we are pleased to include 1968 graduates of the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences in our tradition.

Dressed in gold regalia, alumni of the Class of 1968 will lead the 2018 graduates during the afternoon ceremony processional.

**2:30 Ceremony**

Class of 1968 – Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Mary Moorhouse

Class of 1968 – College of Business
George Schimmack

Class of 1968 – College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Caroline Jackson
The following list of candidates for degrees includes students graduating in May 2018. 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
Rebecca Ann Frazier
“Impact of Instructional Coaching on Teacher Competency, Job Satisfaction, and Student Growth”
Matthew Michael Lunn
“Change in Use of Force Policy: The Experience of Officers”

PH.D. – ENGINEERING
Naif Alamri (emphasis in Security)
“Secure, Fast, and Efficient Handoff Protocols for Wireless Mesh Networks”
Joshua Alcorn (emphasis in Security)
“Capitalizing on the Security Potential of Software Defined Networking By Providing a Network Confidence Assessment”
Khudran Alzhrani (emphasis in Security)
“Towards Automating Big Texts Security Classification”
Gustavo Henrique Florentino (emphasis in Electrical Engineering)
“Model Predictive Control Implementations for Management of Lithium-Ion Battery Cells and Packs Using Reduced-Order Electrochemical Models”
Randall Eugene Garcia (emphasis in Security)
“Hybrid Cloud Federated Identity Architecture Supporting Mission Critical First Responders”
Faris A. Kateb (emphasis in Computer Science)
“Improving Neural Networks Robustness for Computer Vision”
Jonathan Brian Metzgar (emphasis in Computer Science)
“Realtime Physically Plausible Global Illumination Using Scalable Spherical Harmonics Hierarchies”
Andras Rozsa (emphasis in Security)
“Towards Robust Deep Neural Networks”

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE - CAPSTONE PROJECT
April Leilani Aloiau
“Impact of End of Life Planning on Surrogate Decision-Maker Anxiety”
HELEN AND ARTHUR E. JOHNSON BETH-EL COLLEGE
OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
Nancy Smith, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
Annie Rowley Clark
Mackenzie Courtney
Tiffany Epps
Shannon M. Keane
Norie Danielle Kirtley
Nikita Leshchinskiy
Kaylea Ann Masters

Kim Ann Matzke
Sheree Nicole Montoya
Anna Elizabeth Munoz
Amelia Rebekah Roubideaux
Jennifer Renee Schafer
Tara Shaw
Susan Jane Smith

Tamara J. Stull
Sarah J. Tapley
Julie Tollefson
Megan Vanderveen
Andrea Taryn Verlare

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN HEALTH PROMOTION
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Kaley Yvonne Feenstra
Kaley Yvonne Feenstra
Judy Rosa-Lee Griep

Libby Jensen
Hayley Lucero

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN SPORTS MEDICINE
Outstanding Graduate Student Awards: Emily Christine Andersen, Daniel Rodgers
Emily Christine Andersen
Shelby Barter
Nicole Bethann Brashears
Deb Canada
Kim Catlett
Tony Connacher

Ben Robert Fetter
Josh James Frees
Jonathan David Goatcher
Tim James Lentine
Melanie Rae Luck
Tara Linae Martinez

Kelsey Minson
William James Quillman
Daniel Rodgers
Caroline Grace Shafer
Rachel Tincknell

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCES IN SPORTS NUTRITION
Outstanding Graduate Student Awards: Merri Metcalfe
Surabhi Airi
Laura Asbury

Merri Metcalfe
Alyssa Shrader
Dharini Gurudattbhai Thakkar
Colby Elizabeth Wolf
CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION
Eric Olson, Interim Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Distinguished Graduate Academic Achievement Awards: Michael Emanuel Antonakakis, Robin Bredl, Austin Herbert Walker, Blake Albert Whittemore, John Hoy Wong

Yasmeen Alsarraf
Michael Emanuel Antonakakis
Thomas Bastin
Robin Bredl
Holly Brown
Robert Thomas Brunk
Jeffrey S. Bulthuis
Jennifer Eileen Carter
Jane Corral
Jessica Kay Davis
Brandy Doggett
Taylor Michael Finnicum

Michael Emanuel Antonakakis
Robin Bredl
Holly Brown
Robert Thomas Brunk
Jeffrey S. Bulthuis
Jennifer Eileen Carter
Jane Corral
Jessica Kay Davis
Brandy Doggett
Taylor Michael Finnicum

Melanie Ann Follstaedt
Toby Gannett
Aphten Lee Goldman
Kimberly Haney
Harrison Charles Hunter
Richard Dee Immel
Pinky Steven Jathanna
Sue Ann Jennings
Kanemozhi Kalaimani
Kristin Kirkland

Joseph David Pestovich
Ian Peterson
Dave Post
Emily Ray
David Rombough
Rich Neil Sherrow
Kam M. Silva
Paige Elizabeth Strang
Austin Herbert Walker
Blake Albert Whittemore

The Degree Master of Science in Accounting

Maureen W. Hill

Elizabeth Madrid

Sarah Simko

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
George Reed, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Farrah Kassak, Mario Villagomez-Christensen

Kathryn Loper Cancellieri
Jessica Renee Diaz
Catherine Kay Gilley
Allison K. Gunter
Farrah Kassak
Kathryn Leigh Kiang
Sariah Noemi Picon
Christian S. Sanchez
Sarah Sloane
Mario Villagomez-Christensen
Audrie Marie Ward

THE DEGREE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Kyle Brandon Cox, Mario Villagomez-Christensen

Elizabeth Albo
Donald Apelo
Maria de Lourdes Bolinger
Riet Gach Bor
Hannah Lee Brown
Kristine Campbell
Kyle Brandon Cox
Kyle Jon Gruenhagen
Phillip Hoffman
Bradley Johnson
James M. Kenney
Jyotsna Khattri-Chetri
Ray Everett Lisle
James Miller
Michael Mitchell
Billy J. Murphy
Nancy Nickless
Sariah Noemi Picon
Royla Rice
Jennifer Sullivan
Brittany Irene Swanson
Mario Villagomez-Christensen
Michelle Elizabeth Yarbrough
Victoria Ybanez
CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Valerie Martin Conley, Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING AND HUMAN SERVICES

Shannon Antonson
Colin Baker
Amanda Jean Bandt
Pedro Enrique Barrera
Alyssa Jane Bortle
JB Brockhoff
Sarah Bulinski
Drew Anthony Bures
Krista Bures
Travis Burns
Chris C. Christian
Easton Coleman
Ashley Brittany Collins
Erin Currier
Katie Renee Daugaard
John Delobel
Jay Francis DeRosa
Deyanira Deschenes
Mariah Ann Edwards
Ewa Maria Godinez
Hudson Daniel Graham
Lillian Marie Granados
Dominique M. Haig
Ian Haig
Jana Hanna
Elizabeth Renee Harrison
Johana Andrea Hernandez
April Joy Hoffman
Amy Hopkinson
Ashley Ann Housley
Cheryl Hughes
Anna Grace Kelle
JoAnne Beth Kuhn
Nick Adam Lee
Chris Ann Lillie
William MacVittle
Kelsea Elizabeth Magel
Deric Ryu Mann

David W. Marino
Kimberly Marshall
Jessica Taylor May
John Mayer
Phyllis Ruth McComb
Selah Joy McMath
Dylan Anthony Lee Monaghan
Tim Paul Murszewski
Luke Myers
Louis Nolting
Scott Austin Ponzter
Candace Richey
Rachel Nicole Rogers
Carrie Lei Slavens
Ashley Rose Smith
Kelley Taylor
Janaina Toledo
Ashley Caitline Tyminas
Carolyn Louise Winn

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Stephanie Bell
Whitney Michelle Brown
Dana Clay
Harrison Sheriff Cox
Kim Felton

Christopher Tom Menefee
David Roy Oswandel

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards: Amanda Norton Beaudet, Caitlin Marie Huckfeldt

Alex Wade Baker
Amanda Norton Beaudet
Jon Dee Bogh
David Buccieri
Molly Elizabeth Carmell
Jimmy Cooley
Jason Gabriel
Alex Dawn Gordy
Cari Marie Hanrahan
Caitlin Marie Huckfeldt
Brittany Marie Jackson
Lindsey Michelle Jobe
Ashley Cierra Marshall
Juliette Mogenson
Jake Aaron Murphy
Chad Harrison Noble
Rickey Ortiz
Jessica Rein

Christopher Joseph Rief
Laura Roecker
Cade James Sanger
William Casper Schiffelbein
Eric Simpkin
Jonathan Ryan Stephenson
Tricia Timney
Tanya Maria Trujillo
Ryan Aleksander Walsh

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Kholod Alhassan Alhefzi

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

Nouha Gaza
CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE
Xiaobo Zhou, Interim Dean

THE DEGREE MASTER OF ENGINEERING
Joel Mathew Askins
Josh Christopher Bowen
Amber Brandimore
Christopher Douglas
Paul Gregory
Thomas Hastings
LeVar Howard
John Kreitler
Thien Minh Luu
Desmond Ncube
Nathan Andrew Nordby

Carly Paige
Enric Piferrer Torres
Ben Pilato
Daniel Register
Jonathan Sanders

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Bryan James Boyd
Hans F. Cox
Maadh Abdullah Hmosze
Aamir Jamal
Mike Janzen
Bhakti Vijay Mehta

John Michael Promersberger
Dee Dee Rene Rich
Tyler Jared Ruppert

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Akash Vijayanta Kavitkar
Adria Mallol Ragolta
John Daniel Marts
Jack Pfister

Barrett Poe
Shahrukh Shahid Shaikh

THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Josep Gras Ribot
Max William Kaiser
Carles Lorente Gras
James Vigil McKenna

Mitchell Moushon
Faraz Ahmed Mujahideen Saleem

3 Student walking through ceremony under assumption of completion by Summer, 2018.
CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

Nancy Smith, Dean

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EXERCISE SCIENCE

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE SCIENCE

Outstanding Academic Undergraduate Student Awards: Kimberly Humphrey, Cynthia Lewis, Natalie Polei, Christopher Adam Wojchik

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Kelsey Renee Barrett, Kinsey Hodgin

Explaination of Honors: *Cum Laude - 3.5 - 3.74; **Magna Cum Laude - 3.75 - 3.89; ***Summa Cum Laude - 3.9 or above

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with Honors

THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF INNOVATION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & SECURITY

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\(^3\) Students walking through ceremony under assumption of requirement completion by July 15, 2018.
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 BROAÐMOOR 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, 53 years after its beginning, UCCS offers 45 bachelor’s, 23 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 recent opening of the Ent Center for the Arts and Mountain Lion Park earlier this spring. UCCS serves more than 12,400 students.

UCCS spring commencement ceremonies have been held at the old BROÁDMOOR Ice Arena, a campus parking lot where the Osborne Center for Science & Engineering now stands, and The BROÁDMOOR 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 BROÁDMOOR World Arena. Since the first UCCS commencement in 1975, nearly 45,000 students have graduated from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.
The University of Colorado Colorado Springs mascot is the mountain lion. It is visible across campus in a variety of ways – as the artistic logo on UCCS shuttles, the grand marble statue on El Pomar Plaza (moved from University Center Lower Plaza in March 2016), and the costumed mascot who ignites crowds at athletic games and official campus events. The mountain lion is an integral part of campus life, but that has not always been the case.

As UCCS began to develop an intercollegiate sports program in the 1980s, it became necessary to establish team identity with official colors and a mascot. In 1986, the first UCCS mascot, the hawk, was chosen and green and white sports uniforms were purchased. The Editor’s Corner in The Scribe (student newspaper) was even renamed “The Hawk’s Eye.” Until this time, the campus was told it was part of the University of Colorado System, and as such, already had a mascot — the buffalo. NCAA rules stated that due to differences in division level sports played at the Boulder and Colorado Springs campuses 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 the 2018 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 predetermined 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 graduates!