



**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS
FALL COMMENCEMENT**

DECEMBER 18, 2021



December 18, 2021

Dear Graduate:

One of the greatest honors for the University of Colorado Board of Regents, the institution's governing board, is to be part of this commencement ceremony. Your success is a success for us all. Your degree is a measure not only of an accomplishment of dedication and talent, but also notice to the world that you have the skill and discipline to contribute greatly to any endeavor you pursue.

This commencement ceremony, like every University of Colorado graduation since 1935, will close with the reading of the *Norlin Charge*. As originally expressed by former CU President George Norlin in 1935, graduation "marks your initiation in the fullest sense of the fellowship of the University, as bearers of her torch, as centers of her influence, and as promoters of her spirit." Welcome to the ranks of CU's alumni family, which is over 475,000 strong. Congratulations on achieving this milestone. Well done and well earned!

Sincerely,

The Regents of the University of Colorado



December 18, 2021

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations and welcome to the University of Colorado alumni family! Reaching this moment in your educational journey required hard work, perseverance and commitment. You should feel great pride in earning your CU degree and for taking this critical step to position yourself for success.

As a fellow CU alum, I've experienced the university's transformative effects firsthand. My CU degree has helped unlock countless benefits for me over the years, and I know your degree will serve you well regardless of your path in life. You're now part of a distinguished network of CU alumni who are contributing to their communities, the state of Colorado, the nation and the world.



Among the many things you've learned during your time at CU is that life is uncertain. That you persisted and earned your degree amid one of the most uncertain periods in recent history is testament to your strength and abilities. Remember this as you make your way in the world. And hold tight to the integrity, collaboration, innovative spirit and critical thinking that framed your CU education. They, too, will serve you well in the years ahead.

All of us at CU celebrate your achievement and wish you health, happiness and fulfillment in the future. Again, congratulations.

All the best,

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Todd Saliman
President, University of Colorado

December 18, 2021

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations, on behalf of the faculty and administration of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, for the extraordinary achievements that have brought you to this day. The coronavirus pandemic has required our campus community to come together in innovative ways to keep our education mission moving forward. We are thankful for your hard work and perseverance, and confident that the challenges of COVID-19 have prepared you well for a career in medicine and health.



Today, we are pleased to join with you and your loved ones to celebrate the time-honored commencement tradition in person. You have worked tirelessly to earn a degree from one of the leading academic medical campuses in the world, and we hope you carry a great sense of pride with you as you start the next chapter of your life and career.

This landmark occasion represents more than the completion of your CU Anschutz education. Indeed, this day signifies a lifetime of effort and dedication in pursuit of a noble profession. Today, you join a distinguished group of CU alumni who have committed themselves to careers of service, health and healing.

As you embark on your future path, know that you carry with you the CU Anschutz Medical Campus community's support and belief that you will contribute to a healthier world. As we recognize all you have accomplished, we also look with anticipation to all you will make possible for the healthcare of tomorrow and in the lives of those you will serve. We proudly congratulate you on reaching this tremendous milestone, and wish you all the best wherever your journey is taking you next.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald M. Elliman, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald M. Elliman, Jr.
Chancellor, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

December 18, 2021

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations class of 2021 on your remarkable achievement!

During uncertain and tumultuous times, through consistency, determination, and honest work, you have achieved a degree that is a testament to your endeavors here at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. A grand accomplishment on its own, it speaks to the level of commitment and intention you have in your personal and academic growth.



“Thump” is an onomatopoeia that can be described as a sound from a hit, an impact. In the context of the heart, thumping is an expression of the vehemences that reverberate throughout the body, channeled through the heart that speaks to our joy, sorrow, rage, and love.

It is, simply put, the sound of our hearts.

“Thump” goes to the heart of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, an astounding institution on which the community is able to rely, and in which new frontiers are explored and novel discoveries are made.

Everything that CU Anschutz is and everything that CU Anschutz is becoming has been made possible by thriving as a system; a body.

Graduates, you are the heart of that body, producing the very heartbeat that defines CU Anschutz.

It is my hope that as you move forward, you remain mindful of your impact, the “thump” you make in your community, career, virtual presence, and everywhere you go. I urge you to use your new status as graduates, a position of prestige and privilege, to be kind and to show compassion whenever and wherever possible. It is our collective duty as future leaders to ensure the future we live in is an improvement from the past. An equitable, unprejudiced, brighter world lies ahead, and you all are the trailblazers that will guide us there.

Here’s to curiosity, discovery, and the future “thumps” you make as you brave new frontiers! I wish you nothing but the best in your future ventures.

Cheers and once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

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Hana Belay-Gebru
President, CU Anschutz Student Senate

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Terri Richardson, 2021 Florence Rena Sabin Award

Cordelia Robinson Rosenberg, 2020 Joseph Addison Sewall Award

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ORDER OF EXERCISES

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PROCESSION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

GREETINGS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Chancellor Donald M. Elliman, Jr.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
Richard Monfort*

Regent Jack Kroll

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
Joanne Posner-Mayer*

Regent Jack Kroll

*University Medal
Margaret Neville*

Regent Lesley Smith

*Distinguished Service Award
Amy Davis (posthumous)*

Regent Ilana Spiegel

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B.K. Kleinschmidt-DeMasters*

Executive Vice Chancellor Roderick Nairn

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Cordelia Robinson Rosenberg*

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Terri L. Richardson*

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Physical Therapy Program Awards

Dr. Michael Harris-Love

College of Nursing Awards

Dr. Kelly Stamp

Anesthesiologist Assistant Program Awards

Dr. Vesna Jevtovic-Todorovic

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Chancellor Donald M. Elliman, Jr. and Academic Deans

Doctoral Degrees

Graduate School

Doctor of Philosophy

School of Medicine

Doctor of Physical Therapy

College of Nursing

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Certificates

College of Nursing

Post-Graduate Certificate

Master's Degrees

Graduate School

Master of Science

Master of Science in Clinical Science

School of Medicine

Master of Science in Anesthesiology

College of Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing

Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES

Regent Ilana Spiegel

RECESSIONAL

CITATIONS

RICHARD MONFORT *Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*

Richard Monfort for decades has provided extraordinary leadership, business acumen, and generous support to the state of Colorado and to the University of Colorado. Mr. Monfort is owner, chairman, and chief executive officer of the Colorado Rockies, a catalyst for the redevelopment of downtown Denver and the home base for the revitalized Lower Downtown and Denver Ballpark District.

In a letter supporting Mr. Monfort's nomination for an honorary degree, U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper, an early investor in the area, wrote: "I know the courage and hard work it took to build Coors Field, and to accelerate the economic development in LoDo and the Denver Ballpark District. None of that would have happened without Dick's leadership."

Mr. Monfort's recent venture has turned the area around the ballpark into a vibrant neighborhood complementing Coors Field. McGregor Square, which opened in spring 2021, adds the new Colorado Rockies Hall of Fame to a robust development of residences, retail, restaurants, hotel and offices.

Mr. Monfort graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business management and ever since he has been a steadfast supporter of his alma mater. He has served as chairman of its Board of Trustees and as a member of the Monfort College of Business Dean's Leadership Council.

He spent 25 years in the cattle business, primarily with his family's company. He became president of Monfort of Colorado, Inc., in 1987, and joined ConAgra Red Meats in 1991 as president and CEO. After retiring from ConAgra in 1995, he helped launch the Montera Cattle Co. in 1996.

Along with his brother Charles and sisters Kyle and Kaye, Mr. Monfort has done extensive community outreach through the Monfort Family Foundation. In 2004, the foundation gave \$10 million to Children's Hospital Colorado for the construction of its new hospital on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Mr. Monfort has served on the University of Colorado Hospital Authority and UCHealth boards of directors. As chairman of the UCHealth board since it was created in 2012, he has been integral to the expansion of the system from one hospital to 12 in less than a decade.

Mr. Monfort, who served as Chairman of the Colorado Economic Development Commission, has been an astute and visionary partner to the state's top leaders, including Sen. John Hickenlooper when he served as Denver Mayor and Colorado Governor, and CU Anschutz Chancellor Donald Elliman, Jr., when he was chief operating officer for the State of Colorado.

For the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and for the rest of the state, Mr. Monfort's contributions are in a league of their own. He is most deserving of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree bestowed today.

JOANNE POSNER-MAYER
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Joanne Posner-Mayer, entrepreneur and philanthropist, is a graduate of the University of Colorado Physical Therapy Program. She built worldwide businesses that have served as a springboard to support her passionate commitment to Physical Therapy education.

Ms. Posner-Mayer is the daughter of immigrants, her mother a survivor of the Holocaust. As a child, Ms. Posner-Mayer began dancing with the Colorado Ballet, where she decided to pursue a career in physical therapy after seeing dancers suffer from injuries.

After graduating from the School of Medicine Physical Therapy Program in 1973, Ms. Posner-Mayer found her first job in Switzerland. There she learned exercises using the Swiss Ball from pioneering therapists in hospital settings. By 1979 she was lecturing other therapists in Denmark on the use of the ball for rehabilitative therapy. She brought this expertise and greatly expanded it for Colorado clinics in 1980.

Ms. Posner-Mayer founded Ball Dynamic International, Inc., in 1990 to educate healthcare professionals on the innovative benefits of the ball for patient therapy programs. In 1993, she founded Fitball Inc., which aimed to incorporate fitness ball exercises for use in homes, health clubs, and sports training programs. As a result, she soon became an internationally recognized authority on the therapeutic use of the Swiss Ball, producing instructional videos, writing books, and giving seminars.

At first many companies laughed at her, then they copied her! Now the big balls are a beloved piece of exercise equipment for therapy and fitness worldwide. To this day, Ms. Posner-Mayer raises awareness of the importance of good posture and core control in spine health, as well as the benefits of integrating the fitness ball into “fun” exercise programs for strengthening, stretching, cardiac wellness, and relaxation.

Her success has translated into remarkable generosity and support for the University of Colorado and its students. She created the first endowed chair in physical therapy, allowing the School of Medicine to recruit a respected national leader to the program. She serves on the Physical Therapy Program’s scholarship board and helped establish an endowed diversity scholarship.

At CU Denver, Ms. Posner-Mayer sits on the Advisory Council for the Jake Jabs Center for Entrepreneurship, where she mentors students and shares her experience starting a company. She also sits on the board of the Colorado Ballet, the board of the Jimmy Heuga Foundation for MS, and the Leadership Council for the Posner Center for International Development. She is also a trustee on the CU Foundation Board of Trustees, serving as an ambassador for all four CU campuses, encouraging others to give in support of education, research, and clinical care.

Ms. Posner-Mayer’s life and career have been focused on helping and serving other people and she continues that mission through her charitable work. With gratitude, the University of Colorado awards to our distinguished graduate Joanne Posner-Mayer the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

MARGARET NEVILLE, PHD
University Medal

Over the past 50 years, Margaret Neville, PhD, professor emerita of physiology and biophysics, has made outstanding contributions to the University of Colorado in the areas of scientific excellence, administrative achievement, mentorship, and philanthropy.

After earning a PhD in medical physiology from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Neville joined the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1968 as an instructor in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics. She achieved the rank of professor in 1985 and played a key role in developing the school's Medical Scientist Training Program, a dual-MD/PhD program aimed at developing physician-scientists. She served as the program's director for nearly 10 years.

From 1985 to 1988, Dr. Neville served as acting chair of the Department of Physiology, and from 2002 to 2008, she was chief of the Division of Reproductive Sciences for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. During this period, Dr. Neville established one of the first PhD training programs in reproductive sciences. Dr. Neville also was instrumental in establishing the University's post-graduate research training program for obstetricians and gynecologists.

Dr. Neville is a leader in the biology and physiology of lactation and mammary gland development and has held continuous research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for more than five decades, including a prestigious NIH MERIT Award from 1993 to 2003.

Dr. Neville has published more than 100 peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals and was a founder of the Journal of Mammary Gland Biology and Neoplasia, serving as managing editor for several years. Her contributions continue to be highly cited and are featured in textbooks and medical school lectures.

Dr. Neville has continued to support the University after her retirement by endowing the Florence Crozier Cobb Endowed Professorship in the Division of Reproductive Sciences in 2010. As one of the first endowed positions in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Cobb Professorship illustrates Dr. Neville's lasting commitment to women's health research.

Dr. Margaret Neville has dedicated her career to scientific discovery, and she has inspired the careers of innumerable students and peers. Although she has been retired for more than a decade, Dr. Neville continues to bring recognition to the University and to impact women's health research through her philanthropy and continued leadership. We are pleased to award her the University Medal.

AMY DAVIS
Distinguished Service Award

Amy Davis was a well-known philanthropist whose generosity has touched many lives across Colorado and Wyoming. She grew up in Kenilworth, Illinois, north of Chicago, but spent her summers on her family's Y-Cross Ranch outside Cheyenne. After graduating from high school, she moved with her family to the ranch to live year-round.

Her successful career included time at NBC, the Wyoming governor's office, and President Eisenhower's White House. In 1995, when her father died, Ms. Davis donated the Y-Cross to the University of Wyoming and Colorado State University to be a place of learning and research for students interested in ranch management.

Ms. Davis became part of the University of Colorado family during her battle with melanoma, receiving care from William Robinson, MD, a University of Colorado Cancer Center member and professor of medicine. Her case of melanoma left her with limited treatment options. Ms. Davis' connection with Robinson fueled her support for melanoma research and the establishment of the CU Center for Rare Melanomas.

"The vision and generosity that characterized Amy Davis throughout her life made an indelible mark on my work," Robinson says. "I count myself fortunate to have had such strong relationships with her over the years."

Ms. Davis' generosity has advanced the Anschutz Medical Campus mission of discovery, innovation, and providing life-changing care and hope. Through her investments, the CU Cancer Center and the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes (BDC) are improving patient outcomes through immunomodulatory therapies. Ms. Davis' and the Patten-Davis Foundation's support has been critical to realizing the full potential of this therapy for cancer, diabetes, and many other diseases.

Her contributions support the CU Cancer Center and four faculty chairs. Ms. Davis' support also has opened doors for those who could not afford treatment at BDC. Her support of the Richard Abrams and Marian Rewers Endowed Chair in Clinical Research has enabled BDC to increase screening and prevention of type 1 diabetes in children and adults.

Ms. Davis passed away in 2014, but her passion for discovery, research, and improved patient care for all are her legacy. A posthumous Distinguished Service Award from the CU Board of Regents and CU community is a fitting way to celebrate Ms. Davis' life and the continuing impact of the Patten-Davis Foundation.

B.K. KLEINSCHMIDT-DEMASTERS, MD
2020 Florence Rena Sabin Award

“BK” Kleinschmidt-DeMasters, MD, has been the senior, and often sole, neuropathologist at the University of Colorado since 1985 and one of the few neuropathologists in metro Denver and in the Rocky Mountain West region.

Dr. DeMasters, professor of pathology, neurology, and neurosurgery, and head of neuropathology, is the go-to expert for pathologists and neurosurgeons in cases of brain tumors, pituitary tumors, multiple sclerosis, central nervous system infections, and other disorders. She has received three top honors from the American Association of Neuropathologists, including the Meritorious Service and Lifetime Achievement Award, the Parisi Lectureship, and the Rubinstein Award.

Dr. DeMasters, who completed her pathology residency at the CU School of Medicine in 1983, followed by a two-year neuropathology fellowship, has been a faculty member since 1985.

“Dr. DeMasters has been an invaluable colleague of mine for many years,” says Robert Breeze, MD, professor and vice chair in the Department of Neurosurgery. “Through direct and nearly daily observation, I can emphatically state that her clinical work, her teaching, and her research are all exceptional. I also have had an opportunity to observe her impact on the care of patients in Colorado, and I can state unequivocally that she has been an extremely positive force when it comes to the management of patients with neurologic disorders throughout the Rocky Mountain region.”

Dr. DeMasters’ research focuses on mechanisms of neurologic disease and the identification of rare disorders and their associated clinical features and outcomes. She has adopted the use of genomic and molecular genetic tools in recent decades, further defining the pathogenesis of disease in the era of personalized medicine and new therapeutic agents.

Dr. DeMasters is the author or co-author on more than 300 peer-review publications in outstanding journals, such as *Science*, *Neurology*, *Nature Communications*, *Journal of Neuropathology* & *Experimental Neurology*, and *Brain Pathology*, and serves on the senior editorial board for the latter two. Her textbook, “Diagnostic Pathology: Neuropathology,” is considered a key reference work for her subspecialty.

“Her commitment to education also extends well beyond the classroom,” says Edward Ashwood, MD, professor and vice chair for clinical pathology. “For the past 30 years, she has given presentations in elementary and high school classes in an effort to encourage student interest in science and medicine careers.”

As a physician dedicated to the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the larger community, Dr. DeMasters is a worthy recipient of the Florence Rena Sabin Award.

CORDELIA ROBINSON ROSENBERG, PHD, RN
2020 Joseph Addison Sewall Award

Cordelia Robinson Rosenberg, PhD, RN, professor emerita working in the departments of pediatrics and psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, is nationally recognized for her academic leadership, scientific research, and advocacy work in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Dr. Rosenberg received her PhD in psychology from Vanderbilt University in 1972, where she specialized in the study of intellectual disability. She then joined the faculty in the School of Nursing at Vanderbilt University as director of the Human Development Education Program. From there, she went on to hold positions at the University of Nebraska, Winthrop University, and the University of South Carolina. In 1993, she moved to Colorado to become the director of the John F. Kennedy Child Development Center (JFK Partners).

Throughout her career, Dr. Rosenberg's focus has been on early child development, particularly children with developmental delays. Her work for the past 20 years has been funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to evaluate the increasing prevalence of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and its co-occurring medical and behavioral problems.

Dr. Rosenberg's academic drive and tireless advocacy have led to major improvements for both children and adults with IDD. She helped develop intervention programs for young children with developmental problems and has trained health care providers and parents so they can provide the best care for patients and children with IDD.

In 2014, Dr. Rosenberg helped the State of Colorado identify problems in service delivery to individuals with IDD and co-occurring mental health problems. These findings led to a state law creating a pilot program funding the coordination and provision of crisis intervention and psychiatric, medical, and social care.

"Please don't let her quiet and pleasant demeanor fool you. She is a fierce, powerful, and persistent advocate," says Colorado State Treasurer David L. Young, who co-sponsored the legislation when he was a member of the Colorado State House of Representatives.

Dr. Rosenberg and Young worked together again in 2016 to pass The Inclusive Higher Education Act, which created a pilot program to make higher education more accessible to people with IDD. As a result, there are now more than 60 students with IDD at three Colorado colleges.

It is an honor to bestow the 2020 Joseph Addison Sewall Award on Cordelia Robinson Rosenberg for her exceptional contributions to the health sciences at the Anschutz Medical Campus and for her championing and advancement of the IDD community.

TERRI L. RICHARDSON, MD
2021 Florence Rena Sabin Award

Terri Richardson, MD, an internal medicine physician who retired from the Colorado Permanente Medical Group in June, made extraordinary contributions each day that will have a lasting impact on the health of our community and the practice of medicine in our country.

A graduate of Stanford University and the Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Richardson completed an internship in internal medicine at the then-University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. For more than 30 years, she has been a leader whose passion has been to improve the health of her patients and to promote health equity for Colorado's underserved communities.

As vice chair of the Colorado Black Health Collaborative, she has partnered with other leaders to deliver programming to those in need. She helped establish a program that conducts routine health care screenings, such as blood pressure checks or heart health assessments, at barbershops and beauty salons in predominantly Black neighborhoods. As a grassroots organizer and advocate, Dr. Richardson has convened hundreds of volunteers to provide these essential screenings to more than 10,000 Coloradans.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Richardson built bridges between the health care community and historically underserved populations. She joined Denver's mayor and others to discuss the risks associated with COVID-19 in communities of color, and she has been a key leader in efforts to overcome vaccine hesitancy among these same communities.

As the endowment committee chair for the Mile High Medical Society, a group of Black health care professionals, Dr. Richardson helped establish a \$2 million endowment at the CU School of Medicine that will provide scholarships to Black medical students and others seeking to provide care to underserved communities. Through promotion of the endowment fund to her colleagues, Colorado Permanente Medical Group became a leading contributor.

Dr. Richardson's passion for citizen engagement as a way to address the social determinants of health is a key highlight of her career. In 2008, she was invited by the National Civic League to discuss the need for coordination among the public and private sectors to deliver improved care through direct service and better public policy. In our community, Dr. Richardson has been one of the chief exponents of the effort to engage nonprofits, promote equity and access, and support funding streams across all sectors.

The Florence Rena Sabin Award is named in memory of one of the first women physicians to build a career as a research scientist, whose pioneering work led to reforms that improved the quality of medical care. Dr. Richardson is an ideal recipient of this year's Sabin Award.



University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus**

Class of 2021

The following list of candidates is not an official record that all candidates have been awarded such degrees.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

David Engelke, Dean

THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

August 2021 Graduates

Norhan Alhajjar - Microbiology

Characterizing Vaginal Colonization by Enterococcus Faecalis and Streptococcus Agalactiae

Alexandra Marie Born - Structural Biology and Biochemistry

Coupling of Intra- and Interdomain Protein Motion to Describe the Allosteric Mechanism in Pin1 Probed by NMR and EPR

Alexis Dennise Catala - Structural Biology and Biochemistry

Mechanistic Interrogation of Metabolic Reprogramming in Multiple Biological States

Curtis Raymond Coughlin, II - Clinical Science

Diagnostic Approaches and Cognitive Outcomes in Patients with Pyridoxine-dependent Epilepsy

Lyndsey Sandra Crump - Cancer Biology

Hormonal Regulation and Tumor Promotional Phenotypes of Semaphorin 7a in ER+ Breast Cancer

Jared Hill Dahle - Integrated Physiology

Effects of Adaptive Thermogenesis on Measures of Resting Energy Expenditure in Anthropometric and Tissue-Organ Predictive Models

Ashley Suzanne Denney - Molecular Biology

The Role of Molecular Chaperones in Folding and Oligomerization of Human Tumor Suppressor p53 and Budding Yeast Septins

Christian Noel Dide-Agossou - Epidemiology

Evaluation of the rRNA Synthesis Ratio: A Pharmacodynamic Marker Based on Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Precursor rRNA

Natalia Julianne Gurule - Cancer Biology

Investigations into TKI-Induced Interferon Programs, Immune Microenvironment Interactions and Therapeutic Response in Oncogene Driven Lung Cancer

Megan Lea Jester - Nursing

The Influence of a Hatha Yoga Intervention on Mindfulness, Heart Rate Variability, and Blood Pressure in American Indian Childhood Obesity: A Feasibility Study

Anthony Junker - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development

Outside and In: The Communication Between the Environment and Organisms Through Structures and Molecules at the Ciliated Cell Cortex

Michael Lawrence Kaufman - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development

Initiation of Otx2 in the Developing Mouse Retina

Iain Robert Konigsberg - Human Medical Genetics and Genomics

Altered Epigenetic Regulation of Immune and Repair Processes in Interstitial Lung Disease

Sean Patrick Korpela - Pharmacology

Tumor Cell Intrinsic Interferon Signaling Contributes to Variation in the Response to Anti-EGFR Therapy in HNSCC

Ryan Lusk - Pharmaceutical Sciences

The Development of Computational Approaches for Systems Genetics and Alternative Polyadenylation Studies and Their Application in Studying Genetic Predisposition to Alcohol Related Phenotypes

Kris Oreschak - Pharmaceutical Sciences
Towards Precision Medicine: Utilizing "Omics" to Improve Immunosuppressant Therapy Following Heart Transplantation

Susana Restrepo Upegui - Pharmacology
Decoding the Roles of Neurexin-3 α at the Synapse Using a Disease-Relevant Mutation

Kathryn Fay Scott - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development
Mechanisms and Origins of Motor Neuron and Oligodendrocyte Lineage Specification

Brandon Joseph Sonn - Toxicology
Operationalization and Implementation of 'Omics-based Research in the Emergency Department

Ricardo Israel Villarreal - Microbiology
Barrier Function and Immune Modulation During Group B Streptococcal Meningitis

Scott Michael Wemlinger - Immunology
Anti-Human CD79 Therapeutic Monoclonal Antibodies: Induction of B cell Anergy and Translational Studies for Prospective Use in the Treatment of Human Autoimmune Disease

December 2021 Candidates

Mona Abdo - Epidemiology
Pulmonary Function, Frailty, and Physical Function in Men in the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study (MACS)

Danielle Yvonne Bilodeau - Molecular Biology
Unusual Features of Post-transcriptional Regulation in Giardia lamblia

Shila Marie Blend - Nursing
The Impact of Implementation of a Statewide Stroke System of Care

Tiffany Jean Lee Callahan - Computational Bioscience
Learning Deep Translational Patient Representations: Systematic Integration of Clinical Records and Biomedical Knowledge

Patrick Carry - Epidemiology
Islet Autoantibody Reversion as a Model of Type One Diabetes Resiliency

Brenna Jo Clay Dennison - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development
SRSF3 Mediates Alternative RNA Splicing Downstream of PDGFR α Signaling in the Facial Mesenchyme

Karlie Nicole Fedder-Semmes - Neuroscience
Translational Regulation of Myelin Development

Stephanie Michelle Garcia - Neuroscience
Oral Butyrate and Microbiota-Targeted Treatments for Parkinson's Disease: Efficacy Studies in Transgenic Mice

Laura Faith George - Molecular Biology
Developmental Bioelectricity: Investigating the Role of Ion Channels in Development

Diane Laura Gumina - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development
Identifying Mechanisms of Fetoplacental Endothelial Cell Angiogenic Dysfunction in Response to the Microenvironment Associated with Fetal Growth Restriction

Katia Laila Hannah - Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research
Patient Preferences and Use of Real Time Continuous Glucose Monitoring Devices in Type 1 Diabetes

Dillon Jarrell - Bioengineering
Development of a Regenerative Cardiac Tissue Patch for the Repair of Structural Heart Defects

Cayla Elizabeth Jewett - Molecular Biology
Trafficking Pathways Regulating Cell Polarity and Ciliogenesis

Lauren Kimberly Jillson - Cancer Biology
Prostate Cancer with Dual Loss of MAP3K7 and CHD1 Represents an Aggressive Subtype with Altered Androgen Signaling

Esteban M. Lucero - Human Medical Genetics and Genomics
Increased Kif11 Expression Offsets Cognitive Dysfunction in Alzheimer's Disease

Francesca Manzella - Neuroscience
Characterization of the Hypnotic Effects of Novel Synthetic Neuroactive Steroids

Ryan Perry Mendoza - Toxicology
The Impact of Metabolism and Thioredoxin Interacting Protein on Mast Cell Function

Rachel Lynn Neve - Microbiology
The Impact of the Nutritional Environment on Pseudomonas aeruginosa Virulence Phenotypes in a Cystic Fibrosis Mucus Model

Evelyn Nieves - Nursing
What Factors Influence Acceptance of Palliative Care Integration in Patients Living With Heart Failure Class II-IV and Stages C/D?

Adam Rocker - Bioengineering
A Sulfonated Thermoresponsive Injectable Polymer for Sequential and Localized Release of Therapeutic Proteins to Protect Cardiac Function After a Myocardial Infarction

Laura Margaret Rhyme Stevens - Computational Bioscience
Automating Data Harmonization: Resources and Methods to Improve Harmonization of Clinical Trial and Observational Study Data

Alexander Strait - Pharmacology
TGF β Inhibition Improves the Response to anti-PD-L1 Immune Checkpoint Blockade in Squamous Cell Carcinoma by Remodulating the Immune Microenvironment

Stacey Misa Tuey - Pharmaceutical Sciences
The Influence of Vitamin D Status and Chronic Kidney Disease on Drug Disposition Pathways

Jennifer Wagner - Bioengineering
Left Ventricular Shape Analysis in Pediatric Pulmonary Hypertension

Taylor Renee Wallace - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development
Sempahorin-7a Promotes Features of Tumor Initiation and Progression During Normal Postpartum Mammary Gland Involution

Becka Marie Warfield
Pharmaceutical Sciences
Strategies and Approaches for Targeting Thymidine Phosphorylase in Glioblastoma

Natalie Eve Young
Structural Biology and Biochemistry
Molecular Electron Microscopy Analysis of the Mammalian Mediator Complex

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

August 2021 Graduates

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Matthew Bolt	Biostatistics
Samantha Jean Bothwell	Biostatistics
Courtney Marie Buck	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Jonathan Dekermanjian	Biostatistics
Tristen Marie Dinkel	Palliative Care
Kathryn Gray	Bioengineering
Glenn Harter	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Priyamvada Kundu	Bioengineering
Jennifer Danelle Knott Lavagnino	Palliative Care
Jensine Mae Molina Lamira	Modern Human Anatomy
Dora M. Ibarra Mueller	Palliative Care
Julia Mularczyk	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Steven C. Shaw	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Loren Steinfeldt	Palliative Care
Beth Terry	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
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Emily Hannah Cooper	Biostatistics
Brynn E. Cullander	Biomedical Basic Science
Hiba Ahmed Eltom	Modern Human Anatomy
Marisa Renee Flores	Modern Human Anatomy
Colin Hensen	Biostatistics
Blair Holman	Bioengineering
Alexandra Marie Huffman	Biomedical Basic Science
Karen Jean Kanaster	Biostatistics
Richard Kurniadi	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Kimberly Anne Leon	Bioengineering
Yue Li	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Evangeline Glenna MacMillan	Palliative Care
Omemh Elkhader Mahjoob	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Ryan Mansfield	Bioengineering
Jonathan Matthew Mendez	Biomedical Basic Science
Christine Merchant	Palliative Care
Kathleen Nguyen	Bioengineering
Kaitlin Elaine Olson	Biostatistics
David Ilsup Pak	Bioengineering
El-Hayil Adikuor Puplampu	Bioengineering
Andrew Nathan Sias	Bioengineering
Samantha Nicole Wilson	Modern Human Anatomy
Silas Dalton Wood	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology

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Sarah Kemme	Clinical Science

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Kaitlyn Hoover	Clinical Science
Natalie Arianna Macaruso	Clinical Science
Nee-Kofi Mould-Millman	Clinical Science
Jenna Lynn Yager	Clinical Science

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Jackson Thomas Bratcher	Brooke Ainsley Metzler
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Andrew Cable	Grant Morin
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Joy Aimée Claypoole	Steven Ngo
Megan Crow	Linda Hang Nguyen
Jasmine Alexandria Dimeo	Erin O'Brien
Madelyn Marie Dow	Daniel David O'Neill
Katelynn Mariah Downey	Helen Ortiz
Alison Marie Dumas	Alison Fiona Paul
Diana Marie Edwards	Anna Robbins
Carrie Elizabeth Elbogen	Michael Park Samelson
Aaron James Elkins	Karissa Jean Sandoval
Louise Claire Fix	Joshua Ray Scurles
Barret Formslag	Edward Julius Sem
Spencer Alec Frenchman	Emily Nicole Spiegelberg
Sydney Friesen	Rachel Jean Stoddard
Chloe Seline Graves	Kendra Leigh Sweeney
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Brian James Hollandsworth	Taylor Annette Torrey
Marissa Renee Holliday	Ashleigh Nicole Vega
Nyita Maze Hooper	Joseph Michael Welch
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Joshua Jones	

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE - ANESTHESIOLOGY

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Paige Bihary	Michael Seth Monson
Madysen Margaret Cramer	John Thomas Olson
Mike Dinh	Tyler Jacob Reed
Bethany Forsythe Gulvezan	Riccardo M. Rizzo
Rachel Elise Johnson	Anica Sunshine
Mary Caroline Logan	Alexandra Schulist Yeates
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THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

August 2021 Graduate

Evan Kohoutek*

Addressing Social Determinants of Health within Military Families: A Quality Improvement Project

December 2021 Candidates

Benedict Adu Gyamfi

Reducing Hemoglobin A1C Levels for Poorly Controlled Diabetic Patients on PACT MD 03

Ashley Paige Affentranger

Improving Smoking Cessation Rates Using the Five A's (Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, and Arrange) Intervention

Salwa Mourtada Bamba

A Quality Improvement Project to Decrease 30-day Hospital Readmission Rates by Implementing Project RED (A Comprehensive Discharge Planning & Care Transition Tool) & Improving Use of the INTERACT tool

Anne Marie Fleming

Implementation of the Edmonton Symptom Assessment System in the Community Based Palliative Care Setting: A Quality Improvement Project to Improve Symptom Assessment and Management

Julie Austin Head*

Summer Camp in the time of COVID-19: A Program Evaluation of YMCA Camp

Beth Jones

Evaluation of Resiliency Training within a Trauma-Surgical Intensive Care Unit and the Impact it has on Decreasing Moral Distress

Ariel Darcy Kubissa*

An Evaluation of Disaster Readiness at Children's Hospital Colorado

Sara Kline Mitenbuler

Improving Screening for Intimate Partner Violence: A Quality Improvement Initiative

Shannon Marie Pirrie

Implementation of a Perinatal Anxiety Screening and Referral Process in a Nurse-Midwifery Run Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project

Kathleen Puening

Preventing Opioid Harm to Surgical Orthopedic Patients at Discharge using Evidence-Based Research Guidelines to Improve Opioid Prescribing

Traudi Gwenn Rose

Program Evaluation of a Nurse Practitioner-Led Survivorship Care Plan Model for Veterans with Prostate Cancer

Nicole Seyller

Improving Sedation Practice Within a Trauma/Surgical Intensive Care Unit

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Nicole Stafford

Structured Unit-Based Communication Processes to Decrease Dissonance in Shared Governance Decision-Making

Caitlin Wheatley

Implementation of an 8-week Modified Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Intervention to Reduce Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Burnout and Improve Client Engagement and Satisfaction with Care

Katherine Maureen Willenbring

A Provider-Focused Intervention Aimed at Increasing HPV Vaccination Rates in a Family Planning Clinic Setting

Alaina Emily Hartman Wirt

Dyspnea Palliation: Evidence Based Management of Dyspnea

Caroline Ruth Wool

Improving Treatment of Severe Hypertriglyceridemia in Veterans

POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

August 2021 Recipients

Andrew Black

Family Nurse Practitioner

Tara Norberg

Family Nurse Practitioner

Keisa Wilson

Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

December 2021 Recipients

Evelle Brock

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Alexander Craig

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Alison Gagnon

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Cristy Hamilton

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Allyn Kawalek

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Stephanie Lee

Health Care Informatics

Jessica Outten

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Jessica Reiss

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Abby Smith

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Justine Smith

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Laura Turk

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Kimberly Vialpando

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Allison Walczyk

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Lauren Wollenzin

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Katheryn Wood

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

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Peri Berntsen

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Hannah Betts

Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Lauren Calleja

Health Care Informatics

Emma Bridget Cambier

Family Nurse Practitioner

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Jennifer Song Carnegie	Veteran and Military Health Care
Tara Carter	Family Nurse Practitioner
Thomas Checkley	Family Nurse Practitioner
Alyssa Catherine Coleman	Family Nurse Practitioner
Rachel Cornell	Family Nurse Practitioner
Abraha Danait	Family Nurse Practitioner
Mayra Dawkins	Family Nurse Practitioner
Matthew DiCenzi	Veteran and Military Health Care
Jessica Lyn Donaldson	Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Sarah Elizabeth Falardeau	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Heather Nicole Farmer-Bailey	Family Nurse Practitioner
Julie Blythe Finley	Veteran and Military Health Care
Maura Lamb Firth	Family Nurse Practitioner
Jennifer Lyn Franklin	Veteran and Military Health Care
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Lucas Gregory	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Shannon LeAnne Haas	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Kelly Lee Hakanson	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Heather Pauline Hammett	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Sarah Rose Hendryx	Health Care Informatics
Elizabeth Ann Hennessy	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Elizabeth Ann Huddleston	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Jennifer Leigh Hutton	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Rockne Quinn Jacque	Veteran and Military Health Care
Nicole Louise Keating	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Calypso Nicole Laubhan	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Emilee Aliza Liska	Family Nurse Practitioner
Krista E. Lopez	Family Nurse Practitioner
Heather Lukasewycz	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Melanie Elizabeth Mauer	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Tina Marie Michael	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Rachael Dawn Olson	Veteran and Military Health Care
Rachel Joanne Reiser	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Sarena Grace Richardson	Family Nurse Practitioner
Erica Roesch Pediatric	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Steven Eric Rudolph	Veteran and Military Health Care
Sheryl Deanna Rusch	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Dale Robert Scott	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Julie Scott	Veteran and Military Health Care
Emily Ann Singer	Family Nurse Practitioner
Joellen Spicer	Family Nurse Practitioner
Samantha Jean Sumner	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
John Templeton	Veteran and Military Health Care
LeeAnn S. White	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Kelly Amber Wild	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Jessica Ann Wilkerson	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Heather Ranae Williams	Health Care Informatics
Ryan Michael-Scott Woodruff	Health Care Informatics
Madeleine Eva Wu	Family Nurse Practitioner

December 2021 Candidates

Shelley Ofira Abadi	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Heide Phillips Alexander	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Jane Afton Avery	Nurse Midwifery
Colleen Patricia Blair Michel	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Thomas Joseph Bolsega	Veteran and Military Health Care
Julie Bremer	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Taylor Lee Burgart	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Christine Rose Campbell	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Paul Alonso Chavez	Health Care Informatics
Megumi Chong	Health Care Informatics
Kristen Elizabeth Collins	Health Care Informatics
Chantal Emmanuelle Caroline Dengah	Nurse Midwifery
Kelly Jean Devine Arch	Nurse Midwifery
Brooke Marie Donlon	Health Care Informatics
Marie K. Eddins	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Florence Chinyere Emmanuel	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Christy Lynnae Estoll	Nurse Midwifery
Jordan Michael Flage	Health Care Informatics
Frederique Giguere	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Paige Gunning	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Steven Quang Han	Health Care Informatics
Marissa Hartwell	Health Care Informatics
Elisa June Hilliard	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Heather Diane Holloway	Nurse Midwifery
Kirtina L. Howell	Veteran and Military Health Care
Shandra Elisabeth Kight	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Andrea Renata Oliveira Kossoudji	Veteran and Military Health Care
David Tilmon Leonard	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Christina Suzanne Lockwitz	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Kelsey Michelle Low	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Mathilde Camille Mahjoub	Nurse Midwifery
Bryan Matthew McCann	Veteran and Military Health Care
Jamie Kathleen McCartney	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Perla Millan	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Jenna Liliann Mott	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Sarah Anne Nager	Nurse Midwifery
Kelly Hannon Nielsen	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Carole Ann Nighswander	Nurse Midwifery
Monique Rees	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Emily Lynn Reyes	Health Care Informatics
Katelyn Rodgers	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Tamara Rae Roesler	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Christina Alaina Rott	Veteran and Military Health Care
Yan Simone	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Nina Leca Spencer	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Amy Christina Steele	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Holly Packard Strain	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Krystal Chamberlain Tenure	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Leah Jaël Thompson	Family Nurse Practitioner
Jamie Catherine Tovar	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Brittany Elizabeth Viveiros	Nurse Midwifery
Karen Elizabeth Welter	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Matthew D. Werner	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Blair Katelyn Wernick	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Ryan Joseph Williams	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Timothy William Wood	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

August 2021 Graduates

Joan McKenzie - *Summa Cum Laude*
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Lindsay Marie Rohlik - *Cum Laude*

December 2021 Candidates

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Katherine S. Ahrenkiel - *Summa Cum Laude*
Marlene D. Angel - *Magna Cum Laude*
Sophie Elizabeth Anton - *Summa Cum Laude*
Justin Mitchell Baas - *Summa Cum Laude*
Christopher Battelli - *Summa Cum Laude*
James Lawrence Boshears - *Summa Cum Laude*
Talia Brecher - *Magna Cum Laude*
Sierra Therese Burow - *Summa Cum Laude*
Kathryn Ann Cassara - *Summa Cum Laude*
Laura Elizabeth Chafin - *Cum Laude*
Chanise Christopher - *Summa Cum Laude*
Cassidy A. Conlan - *Summa Cum Laude*
Kiera Alexandra Connelly - *Summa Cum Laude*
Brianna Renae Daniel - *Summa Cum Laude*
David William Thomas Davis - *Cum Laude*
Molly Rice Dowell - *Summa Cum Laude*
Jasmin Bree Eastman - *Summa Cum Laude*
Cristin Lee Ellison - *Summa Cum Laude*
Kylie Anne Fernandez - *Summa Cum Laude*
Danyelle Renee Gilbert - *Cum Laude*
Michelle Grudzinski - *Magna Cum Laude*
Anne Clare Grumbine - *Summa Cum Laude*
Nathaniel James Haller - *Cum Laude*
Anna Kate Haverly - *Summa Cum Laude*
Audrey Megan Hegert - *Magna Cum Laude*
Matthew Hotmer - *Cum Laude*
Jennifer M. Kadarisman - *Magna Cum Laude*
Claire Kiser - *Summa Cum Laude*
Skylar Madison Kittel - *Summa Cum Laude*
Brent Christian Knud-Hansen - *Summa Cum Laude*
Allie Rae Kounter - *Summa Cum Laude*
Lindsey Jenna Kunz
Valentine Lambert - *Summa Cum Laude*
Naomi Raquel Lopez - *Summa Cum Laude*
Vreni Marie Luepear - *Summa Cum Laude*
Juliadele Male - *Summa Cum Laude*
Lindsay A. Martinez - *Summa Cum Laude*
Julia Maurer - *Summa Cum Laude*
Christina Marie Messer - *Magna Cum Laude*
Alison Kitty Moore - *Summa Cum Laude*
Hannah Nicole Myers - *Summa Cum Laude*
Rebecca Meng Nan - *Summa Cum Laude*
Laura Michal Palmer - *Summa Cum Laude*

Cassandra Penning - *Magna Cum Laude*
Adrienne Clare Petrilla - *Summa Cum Laude*
Laura Andrea Ramirez - *Magna Cum Laude*
Margot Ramirez - *Cum Laude*
Brigid Catherine Reilly - *Summa Cum Laude*
Ian Revo - *Cum Laude*
Grace Demsey Richmond - *Summa Cum Laude*
Kara M. Rieber - *Summa Cum Laude*
Sarah Riessen - *Summa Cum Laude*
Hannah Nicole Riker - *Summa Cum Laude*
Lucy Robb - *Summa Cum Laude*
Caroline Hope Roberson - *Summa Cum Laude*
Anna Claire Robinson - *Summa Cum Laude*
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Anna Rose Schwartz - *Summa Cum Laude*
Lydia Wedam Scott - *Summa Cum Laude*
Kirsten Michelle Shaffer - *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexandra M. Shaphren - *Summa Cum Laude*
Mark Patrick Simmons - *Summa Cum Laude*
Brittany Lynne Slate - *Summa Cum Laude*
Jordan Rylie Speicher - *Summa Cum Laude*
Heather Joyce Spencer - *Summa Cum Laude*
Brooke Noelle Steinkopf - *Summa Cum Laude*
Brittney Mari Sufi - *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael Vincent Sulpizio - *Summa Cum Laude*
Jacob Sykes - *Summa Cum Laude*
Winthana Kahsu Tesfa - *Magna Cum Laude*
Jordan Thayer - *Summa Cum Laude*
Travis Lee Thompson
Erin Adele Tillquist - *Summa Cum Laude*
Sarah Elizabeth Tisdale - *Summa Cum Laude*
Colette Titus - *Summa Cum Laude*
Rachel Tovar - *Summa Cum Laude*
Erin McShan Trunck - *Magna Cum Laude*
Lauren Maryssa Walthall - *Summa Cum Laude*
Marissa Watkins - *Summa Cum Laude*
Joshua David Weatherstone - *Summa Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Burke Crosby Westfeldt - *Summa Cum Laude*
Mackenzie Asenath White - *Cum Laude*
Mia Coletta White - *Magna Cum Laude*
Sadie Irena Jamee Whyte - *Summa Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Wroe - *Summa Cum Laude*

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ACADEMIC DRESS

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

Through the years, great diversity developed in color and in style of cap, gown and hood. In 1896 the colleges and universities in the United States adopted a uniform code governing academic dress.

While it is not apparent to the observer, the gowns worn by the recipients of the various degrees vary 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 recipient are square at one end with a slit at the elbow. The doctor's gown has flowing sleeves with three bars of velvet and a facing of velvet down the front of the gown.

Those who are receiving a master's or doctor's degree from the University of Colorado wear hoods lined with the school colors, silver and gold. The hood worn by the doctor's 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, has a long tassel which is fastened by a button on the top. The color of the tassel on the cap indicates the field of study.

Architecture–Violet
Arts–White
Business–Sapphire Blue
Child Health Associate/
Physician Assistant–Dark Green
Dental Medicine–Lilac
Education–Light Blue
Engineering–Orange
Environmental Design –Violet
Fine Arts–Brown
Law–Purple
Library/Information Science–Lemon Yellow
Medicine–Green
Music–Pink
Nursing–Apricot
Occupational Therapy–Ink
Pharmacy–Olive
Physical Therapy–Teal
Public Affairs–Peacock Blue
Public Health–Salmon Pink
Science–Gold
Silver and gold cords designate students who have served in Student Senate.

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 building on the campus, not the faculties, not the students of any one time—not one of these or all of them. The University consists of all who come into her 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.”

