



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS  
SPRING COMMENCEMENT

MAY 19, 2025









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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



Back Row: *Elliott Hood, At Large, Frank McNulty, District 4, Wanda James, District 1, Mark VanDriel, District 8, Ray Scott, District 3*  
Front Row: *Nolbert Chavez, District 7; Callie Rennison, Chair, District 2; Ken Montera, Vice Chair, District 5; Ilana Dubin Spiegel, District 6*

May 19, 2025

Congratulations, University of Colorado graduates! Today marks a major milestone in your lives and a tremendous achievement. The entire CU community stands behind you, rooting for your continued success. With your CU degree and the many things you've learned during your time here, you're well-positioned for the future, no matter where life takes you.

You're now part of an extraordinary network of CU alumni making significant contributions to their communities, the state of Colorado, the nation and the world. Like you, I am a proud CU alum. My education has served me well over the years. I know yours will too.

You undoubtedly received support from others over the course of your educational journey and I encourage you to pay it forward as you make your way in the world. Helping others – in any capacity – is among the most rewarding and important things you can do in life.

On behalf of the CU community, I wish you great success and fulfillment now and in the years to come. Again, congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Todd Saliman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Todd" and last name "Saliman" clearly distinguishable.

Todd Saliman  
President, University of Colorado



May 19, 2025

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. You have worked hard to earn your degree, and your accomplishments have undoubtedly prepared you well to lead at the forefront of medicine and health.

We are pleased to join with you and your loved ones to celebrate the time-honored commencement tradition. Today, you 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 commitment in pursuit of a noble profession. Today, you join a distinguished group of CU alumni who have dedicated their careers to service, healing and hope.

Wherever your path is taking you next, know that you carry with you the CU Anschutz Medical Campus community's support, encouragement and belief that you will contribute to a healthier world. Indeed, you will help redefine the healthcare of tomorrow in ways we cannot yet envision. We are proud to congratulate you on reaching this defining milestone, and wish you all the best as you embark on the future that awaits you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donald M. Elliman, Jr." in a cursive script.

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



May 19, 2025

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on reaching this extraordinary milestone!

Amidst all the excitement, I encourage you to pause, reflect on your journey, and remember to thank the people who have been a part of it - the friends, family, mentors, and colleagues who have inspired and supported you along the way. Our collective success grows when we come together and support one another.

Today, we celebrate not only your academic achievements but also the resilience, hard work, and compassion that have shaped you.

As you step into your professional careers - especially in fields as impactful as healthcare - I encourage you to take with you a sense of purpose. Seek out your “why” - that deeper reason that drives you to make a difference. Whether in patient care, research, or community health, let this purpose be your guide. It will not only keep you grounded through challenges, but it will also enrich your journey and remind you why you chose this path in the first place.

On behalf of the CU Anschutz Student Senate, I am proud to wish you every success and fulfillment in this next chapter.

Congratulations once again - your journey is just beginning, and your impact on the world will be profound!

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alicia Tanneberger". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alicia" being more prominent than the last name "Tanneberger".

Alicia Tanneberger  
CU Anschutz Student Senate President



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# ORDER OF EXERCISES

Dr. Madiha Abdel-Maksoud, Presiding

PROCESSION	Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39: No. 1, March in D Major
GREETINGS FROM THE CHANCELLOR	Chancellor Donald M. Elliman, Jr.
INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS	Chancellor Donald M. Elliman, Jr.
PRESENTATION OF THE JOSEPH ADDISON SEWALL Awards	Executive Vice Chancellor Roderick Nairn

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

***School of Medicine***

Bruce McCollister

***Colorado School of Public Health***

Charlotte V. Farewell

***School of Dental Medicine***

David Gozalo Diaz

***College of Nursing***

Maggie Thompson

***Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences***

Robert MacLaren

***Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant Program***

Tanya L. Fernandez

PRESENTATION OF THE CHANCELLOR'S TEACHING RECOGNITION AWARDS

***School of Medicine***

Arun Kannappan

***Colorado School of Public Health***

Eleanor Cotton

***School of Dental Medicine***

Daniel Wilson

***College of Nursing***

Shu-Yi Wang

***Graduate School***

Sean M. Reed

***Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences***

Lucas E. Orth

***Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant Program***

Jacqueline Sivahop

TRIBUTE TO DR. LORETTA FORD

Dean Elias Provencio-Vasquez



CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Chancellor Donald M. Elliman, Jr.  
and Academic Deans

SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA ON BEHALF OF GRADUATES IN A PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL OR PROGRAM

***College of Nursing***

Dean Elias Provencio-Vasquez

Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Shaydie T. Boyd  
Master of Science in Nursing  
Brittany Curet  
Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Katherine Lindsey Harms

***Colorado School of Public Health***

Dean Cathy Bradley

Master of Public Health  
Margaret Howard  
Doctor of Public Health  
Kyla Hagan-Haynes

***School of Dental Medicine***

Dean Denise K. Kassebaum

Doctor of Dental Surgery  
Jamie Mason

***School of Medicine***

Dean John H. Sampson

Master of Physician Assistant Studies  
Alexandra Marry Khoury  
Doctor of Medicine  
Taylor Martinez

***Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences***

Dean Ralph J. Altieri

Master of Science in Clinical Pharmacy  
Siamak Parsaee  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
Annagabriela Figueroa

***Graduate School***

Dean Jennifer K. Richer

Master of Science  
Rudra Dwivedi - *Bioengineering*  
Crystal Fankhauser - *Genetic Counseling*  
Sydney Hayden - *Modern Human Anatomy*  
Seunghyun Lim - *Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology*

Mandy Romero - *Palliative Care*  
Mary Rouse - *Pharmaceutical Sciences*  
Helen Wolde - *Biostatistics*

Doctor of Philosophy

Dillon Boulton - *Pharmacology*  
Lina Brou - *Epidemiology*  
Brandon Buck - *Molecular Biology*  
Samuel Budoff - *Neuroscience*  
Francesca Isabelle Cendali - *Integrative Physiology*  
Mark Ciccaglione - *Bioengineering*  
Jennifer Cimens - *Immunology*  
Courtney McGinnis - *Toxicology*

Casey Patrick - *Pharmaceutical Sciences*  
Christina Piarowski - *Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development*  
Stephen Connor Purdy - *Cancer Biology*  
Julie Raab - *Microbiology*  
Brook Santangelo - *Computational Bioscience*  
Ashley Turner - *Nursing*  
Xinyi Yang - *Biostatistics*

NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES

Regent Frank McNulty

RECESSIONAL

# CONVOCATIONS

- Graduate School - 10:00 a.m. - Education 2 South building, Auditorium
  - School of Medicine - 10:15 a.m. - Boettcher Commons
    - College of Nursing - 10:30 a.m - Bonfils Circle
- School of Dental Medicine - 10:30 a.m. - SW Fitzsimons Lawn
  - Skaggs School of Pharmacy - 10:30 a.m - Library Commons
    - CHA/PA - 10:30 a.m. - Central Green
- Colorado School of Public Health - 10:30 a.m. - Parade Grounds



# CITATIONS

Leslie J. Berg, PhD  
*Joseph Addison Sewall Award*

Leslie Berg, PhD, Chair of Immunology and Microbiology, is recognized worldwide for her contributions to scientific discovery. At the University of Colorado School of Medicine, she is known for visionary leadership, dedication to excellence, and commitment to equitable support for all programs, in resources, connections, and attention.

This powerful combination of scientific expertise and administrative skill results in a remarkable impact for her department, the university, and our community.

Dr. Berg joined the CU School of Medicine in 2019 as Chair of Immunology and Microbiology and became Director of the Human Immunology and Immunotherapy Initiative in 2021. Her groundbreaking discoveries have shaped our understanding of T-cell development, the foundation of protective immunity and infection. Her peers have recognized her achievements with the 2025 American Association of Immunologists Lifetime Achievement Award.

As an educator, Dr. Berg is an invaluable campus resource, serving as editor of the textbook used for the university's core course in immunology. As Professor Ross Kedl, PhD, notes: "In this case, one could quite literally say that Leslie Berg 'wrote the book' on immunology."

Dr. Berg has been deeply engaged in mentoring the next generation of scientists, fostering inclusivity, and ensuring students and trainees have access to outstanding educational opportunities. Soon after joining CU, she led a committee that recommended reforming the campus biomedical graduate training programs. The resulting integration of programs with departments in the school has led to greater collaboration in pursuit of excellent PhD training programs.

Dr. Berg's professional service at the international level is impressive. In addition to service as President of the American Association of Immunologists, she has contributed to major scientific advisory boards including the NIH Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Institute of Aging, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.

On campus, Dr. Berg supported community engagement with an unprecedented departmental commitment to faculty working with local K-12 science initiatives and outreach pipelines to community colleges. The effort has recently grown into science communication and promotion, extending the reach of our campus into the community. Her commitment to campus and affiliate partners has been equally extraordinary. She has served on high-profile search committees, helping recruit the new Dean for the School of Medicine and the new Chair of Immunology and Genomic Medicine at National Jewish Health.

Dr. Berg's leadership style, combining integrity, vision, generosity, and humor, strengthens the campus and inspires her colleagues. She has been a constructive and effective bridge between basic and clinical departments, ensuring collaboration and communication thrive across disciplines.

For her contributions to transformational change at the Anschutz Medical Campus, Dr. Berg is highly deserving of the Joseph Addison Sewall Award.

Bryan R. Haugen, MD  
*Joseph Addison Sewall Award*

Bryan Haugen, MD, Professor of Medicine and Pathology, has an impressive record of productive investigation, prolific mentorship, and outstanding leadership, and he has been instrumental in elevating the quality of clinical care, research, and education in the Endocrinology Division at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Dr. Haugen joined the CU School of Medicine in 1993 and rose to become Head of the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Diabetes in 2007, serving in that leadership role until last summer.

As a clinician and researcher focusing on thyroid cancer, his accomplishments put him at the forefront of medical care and scientific research. His study, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, established a pioneering precision medicine approach to diagnosing thyroid cancer that has become a standard of care and that has prevented thousands of unnecessary thyroid surgeries.

In 2015, he was the first author of the American Thyroid Association's guidelines for managing differentiated thyroid cancer, setting the gold standard for thyroid cancer management still used today by clinicians worldwide.

These clinical research discoveries led to the founding of a state-of-the-art Thyroid Cancer Treatment Program at the Anschutz Medical Campus, bringing together endocrine surgeons, pathologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and radiologists to care for patients with the most difficult-to-treat forms of thyroid cancer.

He also put this expertise to work in 2023 by founding a thyroid cancer multidisciplinary clinic. In a single day, a patient is evaluated, discussed at the tumor board, meets with an endocrinologist and endocrine surgeon, and is prepared and scheduled for surgery. This clinic, one of the few of its kind, accepts patients from across the country.

While offering the best care for today's patients, Dr. Haugen also has ensured that future patients will receive expert compassionate care. More than 50 endocrinology fellows and 21 basic and clinical researchers have received their subspecialty training from him. First-year endocrine fellows learn inpatient endocrinology from him during their first weeks of training.

In his nomination letter, Associate Professor Daniel Bowles, MD, wrote: "As important as his excellence as a clinician, researcher, and administrator, Bryan is simply the kind of person we all hope our leaders can be. He is humble and interested in others. I've enjoyed our chats about road biking (though I can't bring myself to ride with him for fear of slowing him down), and in the last four years I've had the good fortune of singing tenor next to Bryan in our church choir. He truly is a renaissance man."

For exceptional leadership, compassionate service to patients, and unparalleled mentorship, Dr. Haugen is an ideal choice for the Joseph Addison Sewall Award.

## Where Legends Are Made: The Enduring Legacy of Dr. Loretta Ford

At CU Anschutz, we believe that legends aren't born—they're made through foresight, grit, and the courage to transform possibilities into reality. No one represents this spirit more profoundly than CU alumna Dr. Loretta Ford, whose groundbreaking contributions to healthcare we honor today.

Many don't know her by name, but in nursing circles, Loretta Ford is revolutionary. Unlike Clara Barton, the teacher, humanitarian, and nurse celebrated as the founder of the American Red Cross, Ford transformed the profession in the 1960s through her pioneering approach to modern nursing practice.

In January of this year, we said goodbye to Dr. Ford who passed away at the remarkable age of 104. Recognized as one of nursing's greatest legends and an alumna of CU Nursing, Dr. Ford's journey began when she joined the military in 1942. After her service, she came to our Boulder campus, setting her on a path that would forever change the landscape of healthcare.



In 1965, Dr. Ford, alongside Dr. Henry Silver from the School of Medicine, co-created the world's first nurse practitioner program here at CU Nursing. This cutting-edge initiative was born from her keen observation of healthcare disparities in rural Colorado and her steadfast belief that nurses could do more, be more, serve more. Dr. Ford saw beyond limitations to possibilities. When confronted with obstacles, she built bridges between nursing and medicine. Her vision laid the foundation for a new healthcare model that has since changed care delivery across the nation and world. Today, hundreds of thousands of nurse practitioners carry forward her legacy, including many who graduated from our program.

Those who knew Dr. Ford remember her as a force of nature who didn't take "no" for an answer. Her vibrant personality—sometimes appearing as Superwoman or the Fairy Godmother—lit up every room. But beneath the sparkle was a will to elevate nursing and improve patient care through education, innovation, and expanded practice.

Dr. Ford's revolutionary vision earned her countless honors. Healthcare leaders worldwide recognized her as one of the most influential figures in modern healthcare.

As you receive your degrees today, remember that Dr. Ford's legacy lives on in each of you. Every time a healthcare provider reaches an underserved community or converts a challenge into an opportunity, her vision continues to change the world.

This is where legends are made—not just in our past, but through you, our graduates, and the future you create.







University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus**

# **Class of 2025**

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

## THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

*Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Dean of the College of Nursing*

### May 2025 Candidates

Selam Kahsay Abbady - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jenna Huerta
Sarah L. Admasu	Coralie Huibregtse - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Salma Abdisalam Aimad	Devin Alexander Jackson
Nadya Ahmad Al Shaer	Jennifer Lynn Jensen - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Rayma Josephine Albert - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Elena Marie Johnson - <i>Cum Laude</i>
Montserrat Ambriz	Cassidy Elsie Jones - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Arely G Arroyo-Beltran - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Lynn Katongole
Jazmine Carolina Atilano-Rodriguez - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Pravleen Kaur - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Vanessa V. Barraza	Viviana Felix Keenan - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Eleanor Edith Anne Barton - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Lydia Renee Kern
Natalie Berry - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Lillian Fiona Ruth Kienitz
Lexi Amelia Beuthel	William D. Koontz
Allyson Jean Bierbaum - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kelly Anne Kugler - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
William Fredrick Boeckman, III - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Christabel Boateng Kyei
Shaydie T. Boyd - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sydney Lackey
Keila Jisel Bracamontes	Jack Lamont-Parette - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Meagan Mackenzie Carmical - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Devyn Sydney Lanzilotta
Aaron Nicholas Carmichael - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Andrea Nicole Mendoza Laxamana
Andrea Rose Carrow - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Carlos M. Lazo Sanchez Jr. - <i>Cum Laude</i>
Chacarra Renee Carry - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Esther Kyum Lee - <i>Cum Laude</i>
Zoey Chance - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Tess Elizabeth Leonard - <i>Cum Laude</i>
Jose L. Chavez	Emma Lepisto - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Abby Chen	Anna Campbell Lindholm
Daniel Jun Young Choi	Ashlea Rose Lindzy - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Kelsey Rae Connolly - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jaquelin Lomeli Rocha - <i>Cum Laude</i>
Caitlin Conroy	Rachel E. Lucht
Taylor Rose DeYonge - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Brandon J. Luna Becerra
Binta Diallo	Sophia Jeanne Lundquist - <i>Cum Laude</i>
William Madison Dinsmore, IV	Sarah Anne Lutrey - <i>Cum Laude</i>
Skylee Donaldson - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Cecilia Ly
Micheal Shangyi Du - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Meghan Kate Macaulay
Jacqueline Lyndie Ellis - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Shane Macias-Czarnecki - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Juan Esparza	Andrea C. Masur - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Emily Anne Estes	Brianna May - <i>Cum Laude</i>
Larissa Estrada - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kristin Paige Meacham
Javier Falcon	Brennen Meiworm
Amanda Rose Tamares Felix - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Katherine Sophia Mejia Lopez
Jessica Lee Fortin - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Margeaux Breanna Messner - <i>Cum Laude</i>
Bethany M. Freeman - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Emily E. Michael - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Jessica Ann Frigo - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Hannah Monroe Milstone - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Celeste S. Gijon - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Fardowsa Mohamed - <i>Cum Laude</i>
Alyssa Morgan Gomez	Brynn N. Moody - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Sarahi Granados Pichardo	Jessica Taylor Neifert - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Viva Isabella Guardado - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Natalie Nunez
Mariya Yuryevna Gubareva - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Shannon Kelli O'Hehir - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Keara Harrington - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Maya Elizabeth O'Quinn
Hailey Rose Haskell - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Angelica Ortega
Briana Elise Helling - <i>Cum Laude</i>	Shienel Aboagye Osam
Anai Herrera	Bailey Nicole Ostertag
Kimberly Blanco Herrera - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Bailey Paskach - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Janae L. Herrera	Lillian M. Perlstein - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kaija Nicole Hess - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Amelia Meredith Porras
Morgan Rae Hirsch - <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Elise Nicole Poulin - <i>Cum Laude</i>

*Honors designations are based on grades through fall 2024 and pending final spring 2025 grades*



Greta Pruett - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Angela Nicole Purdy - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kaylena Ramirez - *Cum Laude*  
Jessica Marie Raygada - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Morgan Rea  
Chlo Angel Reyes  
Chariah Reynolds - *Cum Laude*  
Sean Martin Reynolds - *Cum Laude*  
Nicholas Allen Rodgers - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Erik Rojas  
Jessica Romero  
Presley Roush  
Meg E. Rushing - *Cum Laude*  
Dalia Salahuddin  
Anna Louise Samuelson - *Cum Laude*  
Marietou Atta Sangare - *Cum Laude*  
Seidy Melissa Santos  
Nina Symone Schneider  
Kaleb Schuppner - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Amy Danielle Sherrod - *Cum Laude*  
Hyeonah Shim  
Emma Rose Shipsey - *Summa Cum Laude*

William Simonson - *Cum Laude*  
Natalie Ann Smith - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kate Lynn Smolter - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Chidozirim Stanudeze - *Cum Laude*  
Philip S. Suk  
Ramata Sy  
Stacey Skyler Tabb - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Crystal J. Taylor  
Jamisa M. Taylor - *Cum Laude*  
Jenna Thomas - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Asiah A. Thompson - *Cum Laude*  
Vanessa Valderrama - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Braden Van Beek - *Cum Laude*  
Edwin Vela - *Cum Laude*  
Kelby Alair Violette - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alana Watanabe - *Cum Laude*  
Aliyah Rumi Weant  
Katrina S. West - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Melissa A. Williams - *Cum Laude*  
Haley Kay Wise - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Megan Lynn Zawacki - *Summa Cum Laude*

## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE NURSING

*Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Dean of the College of Nursing*

### **May 2025 Candidates**

Kelsey Anne Gunderson Acosta  
Eric R. Alvarez  
Angela Munachiso Amucha  
Kathleen Anticevich  
Audrey A. Atkinson  
Shawna Rae Bassler  
Grace Anne Bruce  
Cameron Marie Carpizo  
Stephanie L. Chrisley  
Kristy Corkle  
Madeleine R. Cox  
Brittany Nicole Curet  
Meredith Lynn Dean  
Courtney Doerfler  
Brooke Catherine Edwards  
Alison Marie Fedewa  
Jerome Curtis Ferrin  
Haley N. Fish  
Amea Gabriele Fitch  
Lesli Fleming  
Chauvonne Nichele Fosten  
Erin Elizabeth Frasca-Hardy  
Rachel Alyse Frommer  
Joseph David Funk  
Tsegamlak Alemu Girma  
Casandra Elizabeth Good  
Nathan Granillo  
Jocalyn Greene  
Caitlin Rose Guthrie

Elizabeth Anna Haugen  
Lauren Holmes  
Christina Renee Hood  
Jennifer Lee Hooper  
Ashley C. Hubbard  
Addie T. Huizenga  
Gentry Lynne Johnson  
Jessica Kartz  
Ibious Saili Kline  
Denise Michelle Liljestrand  
Jacey Love  
Sarah M. Malarik  
Jennifer Maria Menendez  
Austin James Miller  
Samantha K. Moore  
Sara Malia Moore  
Angela Jo Nicholson  
Jennifer F. O'Leary  
Elizabeth Anne Porter  
Garrett Lee Rasmussen  
Catherine Faith Runnels  
Amanda Ileene Stack  
Amanda Surprenant  
Wendy Elliott Thomas  
Jacqueline Hill Toomey  
Melissa Sue Van Nice  
Tamara Vasilyev  
Ladan Yourd



## THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

*Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Dean of the College of Nursing*

### **May 2025 Candidates**

Kelsey Alayne Ambler

*Effectiveness Of Take-Home Self-Swab Kits on Retesting Rates After Treatment of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea*

Nylah R. D. Bass

*Dietary Sodium Reduction and its Effect on Hypertension*

Jennifer Bitzan

*Implementation of a Screening and Management Clinical Workflow to Identify and Treat Post-Stroke Depression in the Outpatient Setting: A Quality Improvement Project*

Rhiannon Brey

*Program Evaluation of a One Year Student-Centered Psychiatric- Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Student Clinical Training Program in an Interdisciplinary Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic Within a Large Academic Institution*

Liat Tamar Greenwood Chernoff

*Transforming Prenatal Care: Implementing Digital Patient Education Tools*

Martin William Chrisman

*Cardiovascular Risk Factor Reduction by Monitoring for Glycemic Dysregulation in the institutionalized Patient with Schizophrenia Receiving Antipsychotic Medication Therapy*

Audreana Cristo

*Developing a Postoperative Bariatric Surgery Support Group*

Bridget Ann Everhart

*Evaluation of the Inpatient Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) Program at University of Colorado Hospital*

Margarita Flores

*Reducing High No-show Rates to the Postpartum Visit in the Spanish-Speaking Uninsured Population: The Implementation of an Immediate Postpartum Support Group*

Claire Suzanne Geldhof

*Evaluating an Innovative Professional Development Series for Alaska Itinerant Public Health Nurses*

Trace-Ann Andrea Gooden

*Reengagement in HIV Care: A Quality Improvement Project*

Chelsea Anne Goston

*Quality Improvement Project: Implementing A Mortality Screening Tool Post Hospital Discharge to Guide Goals of Care Conversations and Improve Hospice Admissions*

Katelyn Halbur

*Implementation of Early Screening and Early Intervention of Post-Stroke Depression in Stroke Patients at Care the Rehabilitation Stage*

Suzanne Hanle

*The impact of training providers in exercise promotion on patient engagement in exercise*

Katherine Lindsey Harms

*Reduction of Chest X-rays in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Bronchiolitis Patients*

Kate Holbrook

*Improving Access to Preventive Care for Home Visiting Service Recipients*

Nicole Khazei

*Hypertension Control in American Indian Patients at the Denver Indian Health and Family Services Clinic: An Integrated Care Quality Improvement Project*

Yetunde Rafiat Kuforiji

*Implementing Medication-Assisted Treatment to mitigate opioid use disorder among adolescents in the Colorado Division of Youth Services*

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*Menopause Hormone Therapy in Peri and Postmenopausal Women*

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*Using Advanced Care Planning Index to Prioritize Advanced Care Planning Discussions*

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*A Program Evaluation of a School-Based Youth Tobacco and Vaping (Nicotine) Primary Prevention Mini-Grant Initiative*

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*Improving Treatment-Seeking Behavior and Quality of Life in Adult Women Through Targeted Urinary Incontinence Education*

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*Implementation of Postpartum Anxiety Screening with Referral to Mental Health Resources*

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*Applying Innovative Health Technology to Support Human Lactation: An Initiative to Improve Breastfeeding Duration Rates in a Colorado Suburban Community Hospital*

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*Defining Poor Quality in Social Systems Driving Chronic Loneliness in Adults*

Monica Lynne Bianchini - Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research

*Opportunities to Improve Syphilis Infection Rates and Patient Outcomes in Colorado*

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*Emerging Roles for Mitochondrial Rho GTPase 2 in Metastatic Cancer*

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*Regulation of Maternal Protein Degradation During the Maternal-to-Zygotic Transition*

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*Medication-Assisted Treatment via Buprenorphine in Primary Care for Opioid use Disorder*

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*Fragmentation Patterns of Human Telomeric Chromatin and Altered Chromatin States in Dyskeratosis Congenita*

Samuel Alexander Budoff - Neuroscience

*A Complete Spatial Map of Mouse Retinal Ganglion Cells Reveals Density and Gene Expression Specializations*

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*Red Blood Cells in Exercise Tolerance And Metabolism Across the Spectrum of Health and Hemolytic Disorders*

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*Lipid-Shelled Bubbles as Image Guided Diagnostic Agents and Therapeutic Vehicles*

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*The Impact of Lineage-Specifying Transcription Factor Overexpression on CAR T Cell Function*

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*Establishment of Polarity in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Spores*

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*Semaphorin-7A Regulates Macrophage-mediated Epithelial Invasion*

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*Characterization of Sirolimus Metabolites and Investigation of Their Interactions with the mTOR Pathway*

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*Leveraging Natural Genetic Variation to Fine Map CD8 T cell Exhaustion-Associated Regulatory Elements*

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*Regulation of Metabolic Sexual Dimorphisms in *Drosophila* Larvae*

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*Exploring the Lived Experience of Authentic Presence in Caring for Families Suspected of Child Maltreatment*

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*Function on Scalar Regression: Methods, Theoretical Consideration & Applications*

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*A Comparative Proteomic Analysis of Murine and Human Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease*
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- Juliet Elizabeth Mullen - Pharmaceutical Sciences  
*Development of Small Molecule AMP-Activated Kinase Inhibitors*
- Parker James Nichols - Structural Biology and Biochemistry  
*Molecular Insights into Z-Form Adoption by ZA Domains and Their Role in A-to-I Editing by ADAR1*
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*Effect of Protein Variants on Protein Structure and Activity*
- Christina M. Piarowski - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development  
*Not So Sweet: Investigating the Role of Receptor Tyrosine Kinases in Taste Homeostasis*
- Eric William Prince - Computational Bioscience  
*User-Centered Artificial Intelligence to Support Clinical Interpretation of Preoperative MRI for Pediatric Patients with CNS Tumors*
- Stephen Connor Purdy - Cancer Biology  
*eIF3d and eIF3e Mediate Translational Control of Hypoxia That Can Be Inhibited By Small Molecules*
- Julie Eva Raab - Microbiology  
*Mechanisms of Intercellular Spread by *Shigella flexneri**
- Alaa Mohamed Mohamed Ali Radwan - Pharmaceutical Sciences  
*Application of Novel Pharmacogenomic Approaches in Solid Organ Transplantation and Oncology*
- Desiree Nicole Reinken - Nursing  
*The Intersection of Quality of Life and Glioblastoma in Patient-Caregiver Dyads: A Secondary Analysis*
- Brook Elizabeth Santangelo - Computational Bioscience  
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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 adaption 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."

## 2025 SENATE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD      Ava Lyons, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADER      Rachael Kostecky, School of Medicine

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION      National Community Oncology Dispensing Association

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISER OF THE YEAR      Scott Harpin, MD, School of Medicine

SPIRIT OF ANSCHUTZ AWARD

*Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*      Nicole DeLeon

*School of Dental Medicine*      Madison O'Callaghan

*School of Medicine*      Jamie Cronin

*College of Nursing*      Shaydie Boyd

*Colorado School of Public Health*      Dorah Labatte

*Graduate School*      Lauren Verhulst

*Department of Bioengineering*      Claire Levitt

*Physical Therapy Program*      Mak Callender

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