



University of Colorado **Anschutz**



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ
SPRING COMMENCEMENT

MAY 18, 2026



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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 reflects not only your dedication and talent, but also serves as a signal to the world that you possess the skill and discipline to contribute meaningfully 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, now more than 588,000 strong. Congratulations on achieving this milestone. Well done and well earned!

Cordially,

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, Vice Chair, District 2; Ken Montero, Chair, District 5; Ilana Dubin Spiegel, District 6

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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!



Todd Saliman
President, University of Colorado



May 18, 2026

Dear Graduate,

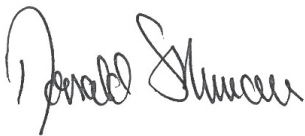
Congratulations, on behalf of the faculty and administration of the University of Colorado Anschutz, for the extraordinary achievements that have brought you to this day. You have worked hard to earn your degree, and your accomplishments have undoubtedly prepared you well to lead at the forefront of 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 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,



Donald M. Elliman,
Chancellor, University of Colorado Anschutz



May 18, 2026

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on this momentous achievement!

Any graduation is a reason for celebration, but graduation at this level is an especially important accomplishment. For many, this is the culmination of a long academic journey towards your chosen career. Years of learning, caring and excelling have led you to this occasion, so I hope you have the chance to take a moment and simply enjoy it.

While graduation can seem like the destination, it is truly just the beginning. For many professionals here, this is the beginning of a journey of caring for and giving to others, whether that is your time, your experience or simply a sympathetic ear. The profession of health and healthcare, whether in the basic research or the clinical side, all starts from a place of wanting to help people and learn more. You have all found the niche where you can be most effective, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Within a career of constantly looking after others, don't forget to take care of yourself and appreciate all that you do. Remember to celebrate the wins, big and little. There might not be as definite of milestones as "graduation" ahead in your careers, but there is always something to celebrate.

Again, congratulations! This is a wonderful achievement, and you all deserve to recognize your hard work that has led you here. Best of luck in the journey ahead!

Cheers,



Alexandra Hays
CU Anschutz Student Senate President



THE OFFICIAL COMMENCEMENT DELEGATION

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Christian Thurstone, Florence Rena Sabin Award

Brian Tsuji, Dean, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Michael D. Wolcott, Marshal, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Shanta Zimmer, Joseph Addison Sewall Award

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Dr. Michael D. Wolcott, Presiding

Procession	Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39: No. 1, March in D Major
President's Welcome	President Todd Saliman
Greetings from the Chancellor	Chancellor Donald M. Elliman
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	Chancellor Donald M. Elliman
Presentation of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters	Board of Regents
Presentation of the University Medal	Board of Regents
Presentation of the Florence Rena Sabin Award	Provost Laura Borgelt
Presentation of the Joseph Addison Sewall Awards	Provost Laura Borgelt
Presentation of the President's Excellence in Teaching Awards	President Todd Saliman
School of Medicine Scott Saunders	
Colorado School of Public Health Richard C. Lindrooth	
School of Dental Medicine Shayna Sengewalt	
College of Nursing Patrick Luna	
Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brian Murray	
Presentation of the Chancellor's Teaching Recognition Awards	Chancellor Donald M. Elliman
School of Medicine Matthew Rustici	
Colorado School of Public Health Alex Kaizer	
School of Dental Medicine Petros Yoon	
College of Nursing Jennifer A. Disabato	
Graduate School Chad G. Pearson	
Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Meghan Jeffres	

Conferring of Degrees

Chancellor Donald M. Elliman
and Academic Deans

Selected to Receive the Diploma on Behalf of Graduates in a Professional School or Program

College of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Patryk Wlodarczyk

Dean Elias Provencio-Vasquez

Master of Science in Nursing
Hermella Yilma

Doctor of Nursing Practice
Shelby Smith

Colorado School of Public Health

Master of Public Health
Amy Nguyen

Dean Cathy Bradley

Doctor of Public Health
Makala Carrington

School of Dental Medicine

Doctor of Dental Surgery
Yoon Kim

Dean Denise K. Kassebaum

School of Medicine

Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Madison Moffett

Dean John H. Sampson

Doctor of Medicine
Peyton Boyd

Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Doctor of Pharmacy
Mackenzie Moynahan

Dean Brian Tsuji

Graduate School

Master of Science
Lauren E. Verhulst

Dean Jennifer K. Richer

Doctor of Philosophy
Danielle Jeffrey

Norlin Charge to Graduates
Recessional

Regent Ilana Spiegel

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

Sue Anschutz-Rodgers

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Sue Anschutz-Rodgers has always been a visionary, whether it's been in land conservation, civic engagement, or health research and patient care at the University of Colorado. Her generosity has empowered and elevated ophthalmology researchers and physicians at CU Anschutz to make a difference and improve lives.

Ms. Anschutz-Rodgers began charting her own unique path in 1987 when she assumed management of the Crystal River Ranch near Carbondale, Colorado. Under her leadership, the ranch became a model for sustainable agriculture. From there, she worked to bring conservation easements to Colorado and helped establish the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, which has conserved hundreds of thousands of acres of working ranchland.

Since 1982, Ms. Anschutz-Rodgers has been the chair and president of the Anschutz Family Foundation, overseeing more than 10,000 grants totaling over \$60 million that focus on strengthening nonprofit organizations dedicated to serving Colorado's rural and underserved communities.

Her board work has given her a global perspective and the ability to make local impacts. She's served on the boards of the Jane Goodall Institute, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, and the Denver Police Foundation, among others.

In 2006, she established the Sue Anschutz-Rodgers Fund, which supports initiatives that promote women's self-sufficiency and leadership. Her philanthropy has positively impacted health care, education, and the humanities. Among those efforts includes her dedication to vision research and care. She endowed the Sue Anschutz-Rodgers Eye Center at the University of Colorado, allowing researchers and faculty members to attract crucial National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding, advance key scientific and clinical achievements, and recruit top talent.

"Ms. Anschutz-Rodgers exemplifies the highest values of the University of Colorado. Her generosity has nurtured scientists, fueled discovery, and improved lives," said Naresh Mandava, MD, Sue Anschutz-Rodgers Chair in Retinal Diseases for the Department of Ophthalmology at the CU Anschutz School of Medicine. "Because of her, we have been able to set ambitious goals with the confidence that we have the resources to achieve them."

Today, the eye center provides care to more than 175,000 patients each year and is the only academic eye center within 500 miles offering every ophthalmic sub-specialty. Ms. Anschutz-Rodgers's philanthropy has made it possible to meet the challenges that accompany delivering world-class care and developing new treatments.

Because of her dedication, the Department of Ophthalmology is able to create new hope for people with sight-threatening diseases.

It is with tremendous appreciation and recognition that the University of Colorado awards Sue Anschutz-Rodgers the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Her commitment, generosity, and vision for a brighter future has left an indelible mark on Colorado and beyond.

Richard "Dick" N. Brown
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

When Dick Brown began his business career in the mid-1950s, he brought a belief that good fortune comes with the responsibility of supporting deserving individuals and organizations. Throughout his long life and with special affection for his alma mater, the University of Colorado, he has put that belief into action.

Mr. Brown graduated from CU in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in business and then served the U.S. Army for two years. He chose to make Colorado his home with his then wife, Jane. Beginning in insurance and securities, he soon collaborated with several fellow CU alumni in real estate development in the young resort of Vail. The Browns built upon their success in Vail to launch other real estate developments and invest in other industries. As he would say, some flopped and some turned out pretty well. Mr. Brown often credits luck for his success, but his business acumen shone through again and again.

In a later chapter of his life, his second wife, Joyce, received a cancer diagnosis in 2014. She entered a Phase 1 clinical trial at the CU Anschutz Cancer Center. The treatment was successful, and the results inspired Mr. Brown to support the clinicians, researchers, and programs that helped her. Mr. Brown had long been active in giving to various CU programs and scholarships, and now he began to fund its medical research.

At CU Anschutz, the Browns endowed two chairs: the Joyce M. Brown Chair for Developmental Therapeutics in Women's Cancers and the Brown/Moore Endowed Chair in Excellence in the Patient Experience. Mr. Brown has contributed gifts to the Ludeman Family Center for Women's Health Research, which established the Richard N. Brown Family Fund for Curriculum Development and the Richard N. Brown Family Endowed Fund for Staff Excellence. Both initiatives expand training for MD and PhD scientists in sex and gender differences research and strengthen the center's operational foundation.

"Mr. Brown's unwavering commitment and passion for advancing women's health research and education have had a transformative impact on our campus and broad community," said Dr. Judy Regensteiner, director of the Ludeman Family Center for Women's Health Research. "His vision and generosity have helped embed women's health as a core component of the mission at CU Anschutz. He understands the importance of this work in a deep and meaningful way."

The University, its students, and its medical patients will benefit from Mr. Brown's generosity for generations to come. In recognition of this extraordinary contributions, we celebrate Mr. Brown with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Jim Hodge
University Medal

Jim Hodge is honored with the University Medal in recognition of his extraordinary leadership in philanthropy and his enduring impact on the University of Colorado Anschutz. Over the course of his eight-year tenure as the Associate Vice Chancellor of CU Anschutz Advancement, Jim distinguished himself not only as an accomplished fundraiser, but as a mentor, strategic partner, and cultural force whose influence continues to shape the campus today.

Jim brought to CU Anschutz a rare combination of deep expertise, generosity of spirit, and an unwavering commitment to mission. He played a pivotal role in advancing the campus' philanthropic vision, helping to secure transformative investments strengthening the institution's future. Among the most significant was the landmark \$120 million commitment from The Anschutz Foundation, one of the largest gifts in campus history. The campus endowment grew substantially, and annual philanthropic support increased dramatically, laying a strong foundation for long-term financial sustainability and impact.

Yet those who worked alongside Jim consistently note that his greatest contributions extend far beyond financial results. He approached philanthropy as a deeply human endeavor, grounded in relationships, trust, and shared purpose. Jim was known for his humility, compassion, and "abundant mindset," treating colleagues, donors, and partners with equal respect and dignity. He served as a trusted advisor to campus leadership and a steady presence during moments of growth and complexity, offering thoughtful counsel that helped guide critical decisions.

Jim's commitment to mentorship and team development left a lasting imprint on the Office of Advancement and the broader campus culture. He invested deeply in people, empowering colleagues to grow professionally and lead with authenticity. His philosophy of relationship-based philanthropy continues to inform how the campus engages donors and advances its mission.

Before joining CU Anschutz, Jim built a distinguished career of over 30 years in advancement leadership at institutions including Mayo Clinic and Bowling Green State University, where he was responsible for some of the most successful philanthropic initiatives in those organizations' histories. That breadth of experience enriched his work in Colorado and elevated the campus's approach to philanthropy.

Jim's legacy is unmistakable. The systems he strengthened, the relationships he built, and the values he modeled continue to benefit CU Anschutz and the communities it serves. For his vision, leadership, and profound impact, Jim Hodge is a most deserving recipient of the University Medal.

Christian Thurstone, MD, MS
Florence Rena Sabin Award

Christian Thurstone, MD, MS, Professor of Psychiatry, is this year's recipient of the Florence Rena Sabin Award for scientific excellence and exceptional contributions to the health of the citizens of the State of Colorado.

As the Director of Behavioral Health Services and Correctional Care at Denver Health, Dr. Thurstone oversees a workforce of more than 900 health care professional providing care to about 100,000 patients annually. His leadership is backed by nearly \$8 million in raised funds for clinical innovation and 46 peer-reviewed publications focused on adolescent substance use treatment. His impactful work includes parent-facing publication, including authorship of "Clearing the Haze: Helping Families Face Teen Addiction."

Dr. Thurstone's contributions to Colorado include several "first-and-only" achievements that have redefined care.

The STEP Program is an adolescent substance treatment program at Denver Health that he founded in 2003. The program, which has since expanded to seven locations including six school-based centers, serves 800 families annually. STEP is a national model for integrated, school-based behavioral care.

Dr. Thurstone pioneered the state's first integrated medical and psychiatric inpatient unit, ensuring patients at Denver Health receive holistic care in one setting while promoting health equity for people with serious mental illness.

As a policy leader, Dr. Thurstone served on state scientific task forces to provide evidence-based guidance for regulating marijuana. His work examining youth substance use trends and cannabis-related psychiatric presentations informed prevention strategies.

Dr. Thurstone provided vital leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to organize the creation of a program to address the unprecedented psychological strain on caregivers. The Resilience and Equity through Support and Training for Organizational Renewal program, known as RESTORE, provides 24/7 confidential emotional support and psychological first aid to health care providers. This program expanded to reach caregivers across Colorado.

Beyond his clinical and academic leadership, Dr. Thurstone is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Colorado National Guard. His three deployments to the Middle East earned him the Meritorious Service Medal, and his advocacy for evidence-based prevention led to White House recognition as an Advocate in Action.

At Denver Health, Dr. Thurstone helped develop an ongoing training rotation for enlisted Army mental health specialists, expanding workforce capacity and military-civilian collaboration in behavioral health care.

Throughout his career, Dr. Thurstone has been tireless in recognizing that mental health care is an essential component of medical care, and he has established durable structures to provide that care. His rigorous scholarship paired with a commitment to creation operations that provide measurable systems-level benefit provide lasting benefits to our community.

Dr. Thurstone is an outstanding clinician, a dedicated mentor, a systems builder, a passionate advocate, and a highly deserving recipient of the Sabin Award.

C. Neill Epperson, MD
Joseph Addison Sewall Award

C. Neill Epperson, MD, Professor and Chair of Psychiatry, is receiving the Joseph Addison Sewall Award in recognition of her exceptional leadership and vision at CU Anschutz.

Since becoming Chair in 2018, Dr. Epperson has transformed the Department of Psychiatry's clinical, educational, and research enterprise. The department has grown from 260 to 450 faculty, with a workforce of more than 900 employees. Its operating budget has more than doubled to over \$140 million annually, and its research portfolio now ranks among premier programs nationally.

Dr. Epperson has modernized and expanded the continuum of psychiatric care for the campus and the State of Colorado. Under her leadership, the department has secured more than \$65 million in philanthropic support while fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and academic excellence that is reshaping Colorado's mental health landscape.

The department's Community Practice Section now offers a broad range of specialized services, including Women's Behavioral Health and Wellness, care for trauma-related disorders, treatment-resistant depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, early psychosis, and executive functioning disorders. She has also expanded mental health services for CU Anschutz faculty, staff, students, and residents.

Dr. Epperson strengthened the department's academic and clinical mission through integration of the Johnson Depression Center and the Brain and Behavior Innovation Centers. At the University of Colorado Hospital, she led modernization of inpatient psychiatric care and greater integration with specialty medical clinics. At Children's Hospital Colorado, she partnered in recruiting the institution's first Mental Health-in-Chief Dr. Ron-Li Liaw, who also serves as the Department's Vice Chair for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinical Strategy.

Nationally, Dr. Epperson has shaped psychiatric policy, standards, and scientific direction. She served as an advisor on gender and cross-cultural issues for DSM-5, the definitive guide for psychiatric diagnosis. She has also advised the National Academies of Sciences on reproductive health, women's brain health across the lifespan, and the impact of COVID-19 on women in academic medicine. In recognition of her pioneering scholarship, she has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine and the American Association of Physicians.

Equally important, Dr. Epperson has built a culture in which faculty and staff feel supported, valued, and empowered to grow. Her framing of mental health as brain health has helped reduce stigma and normalize help-seeking across the community.

The Joseph Addison Sewall Award honors individuals whose leadership and vision have had lasting impact on the health sciences at the University of Colorado. Dr. Epperson has elevated psychiatry and brain health across CU Anschutz, expanded care and training capacity, strengthened research infrastructure, influenced national policy, and built enduring statewide and national partnerships. Her impact is substantial, measurable, and lasting. She is the epitome of an outstanding Sewall Award recipient.

Shanta M. Zimmer, MD
Joseph Addison Sewall Award

Shanta Zimmer, MD, Executive Vice Dean for Education and Professor of Medicine, receives the Joseph Addison Sewall Award for her exceptional leadership and passionate commitment to medical education, our learners and colleagues, and the University of Colorado.

Dr. Zimmer is an extraordinary leader driven by a strong sense of altruism, fairness, compassion, and persistence. She leads by example and does not shy away from the toughest challenges.

Dr. Zimmer led the development and implementation of the school's innovative new curriculum. While maintaining the highest standards of scientific knowledge and clinical training, the content places greater emphasis on leadership skills and understanding social factors that affect health. The curriculum also adopts a Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship format that ensures all students develop a patient-centered approach to care.

Directing comprehensive curricular reform is one of the greatest challenges an educational leader can undertake. To accomplish it during a crippling pandemic is especially remarkable. Dr. Zimmer, an infectious disease physician, was on the front lines treating patients with COVID and volunteering at community clinics when vaccines arrived.

In 2025, Dr. Zimmer led the team that secured re-accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. The process is a comprehensive and rigorous peer review of all aspects of medical education – curriculum, training sites, support services, and leadership – to determine whether students are prepared to become practicing physicians with a commitment to lifelong learning. The school received full accreditation for the maximum eight-year term.

During her tenure in leadership, she has managed the expansion of educational programs, including the development of a branch campus in partnership with Colorado State University. The school has clinical training for medical students in Colorado Springs and has expanded the Physical Therapy Program to include a hybrid learning pathway in partnership with University of Colorado Colorado Springs. She oversaw the transition of biomedical PhD programs to the School of Medicine to expand class size and ensure recruitment of the highest-caliber graduate students.

Dr. Zimmer is widely recognized as a trusted mentor and collaborator whose influence extends across departments, disciplines, and partner institutions. She approaches leadership with humility and accountability, fostering environments where individuals feel valued, supported, and empowered. Her vision for CU Anschutz reflects a deep commitment to academic excellence, compassionate care, and the preparation of health professionals equipped to meet the evolving needs of our communities.

Dr. Zimmer's contributions have had a lasting and transformative impact on medical education, clinical care, and institutional culture. She fully represents the ideals of the Joseph Addison Sewall Award.



Class of 2026

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 2026 Candidates

Veronika Alkanaani - *Magna Cum Laude*
Eyita G. Almaw
Chloe Rose Alspaugh - *Summa Cum Laude*
Victoria Amsberry - *Summa Cum Laude*
Aubierge Raissa Azondekon - *Cum Laude*
Victoria Baca - *Cum Laude*
Harper Emme Baenen - *Summa Cum Laude*
Savannah Michael Ballard - *Cum Laude*
Kyeleigh Bark
Deatra Ramsey Bear - *Magna Cum Laude*
Ashley N. Beck - *Magna Cum Laude*
Haley Becker - *Summa Cum Laude*
Sara Nicole Bidinost - *Summa Cum Laude*
Alicea Nicole Biggs - *Cum Laude*
Alexandra Lauren Boehler - *Cum Laude*
Cade Bond - *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexandra Rose Borgna - *Cum Laude*
Emily Alexandra Brouillet - *Magna Cum Laude*
Allison Raven Brown - *Cum Laude*
Alexia Marie Brunger
Marcos Bustos
Katarina Campbell - *Summa Cum Laude*
Nicholas Capocci - *Summa Cum Laude*
Laura L. Carr - *Summa Cum Laude*
Samantha Carrillo - *Magna Cum Laude*
Veronica Nathaly Castillo-Velasco - *Cum Laude*
Maria Cervantes Lopez
Abner Chanta - *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexandra Rene Chavez
Jocelyn Chavez Castillo
Vanessa Yinnel Chavez Morelos - *Magna Cum Laude*
Lesly Alejandra Chavez Moreno - *Cum Laude*
Kate Mariko Chikasawa
Hannah M. Cicione - *Magna Cum Laude*
Maegan Clark
Abigail Elizabeth Cluck - *Magna Cum Laude*
Mae Copley - *Magna Cum Laude*
Joseph Link Cushman
Indira Dahal - *Summa Cum Laude*
Susta Dahal - *Summa Cum Laude*
Estefania Delgado
Logan Devereaux - *Cum Laude*
DayLee Megan DeWitt
Karina M. Dominguez - *Cum Laude*
Chelsea Morsira Dominic - *Magna Cum Laude*
Mikaela Janelle Eberl - *Summa Cum Laude*
Serkalem M. Emiru
Jordan Elizabeth Erickson-Hernandez - *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Megan Rose Evergreen
Grace Louise Freza - *Magna Cum Laude*
Jorge Galdamez Claros - *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Garcia - *Magna Cum Laude*
Ariana Alina Garcia - *Magna Cum Laude*
Raudel Garcia Hernandez
Regan Garske
Trinaty Ariana Graff - *Magna Cum Laude*
Ciara Greene - *Summa Cum Laude*
Samantha Gregg - *Cum Laude*
Jacquelyn Guardado-Avelar - *Cum Laude*
Sarah Ann Gustafson - *Cum Laude*
Nicole Alexandria Haddad - *Cum Laude*
Jennifer Hamer - *Magna Cum Laude*
Kirsten Elizabeth Heckmann - *Magna Cum Laude*
Samantha Heffernan - *Cum Laude*
Caralea Juline Holmberg
Chinwe Horton - *Cum Laude*
Francis K. Huynh - *Summa Cum Laude*
Dennis E. Ixcajo - *Cum Laude*
Amethyst Johannes - *Cum Laude*
Victoria Selestina Juarez
Jenna Kapushion - *Cum Laude*
Jordan Adler Killen - *Summa Cum Laude*
Chloe Kosmas
Lamandra Kuck - *Magna Cum Laude*
Allison Lape - *Summa Cum Laude*
Florence N. Lasut
Hailey Michelle Lathrop - *Summa Cum Laude*
Maya Kennedy Lawrence
Anilyse Elizabeth Lawson
Analisa Lorquet
Emily Ann Luhman - *Magna Cum Laude*
Nina Falonne Mago - *Cum Laude*
Makenzie Annmarie Maker - *Magna Cum Laude*
Steven Martinez-Torres - *Cum Laude*

Honors designations are based on grades through fall 2025 and pending final spring 2026 grades

Addison Day McClish - *Magna Cum Laude*
Paige Elizabeth McIver - *Magna Cum Laude*
Aliona Mirochnikov
Eliana Mora - *Cum Laude*
Brianna Mraz - *Cum Laude*
Katherine Murphy - *Summa Cum Laude*
Laurel Anne Nance
Alexandra Trinh Nguyen - *Summa Cum Laude*
Hailey Han Nguyen
Phuong-Anh Le Nguyen - *Cum Laude*
Laura Nadine Nichols - *Cum Laude*
Aidan F.W. Ottoni-Belval - *Magna Cum Laude*
JaJuan Owens - *Summa Cum Laude*
Emily Jin Park - *Magna Cum Laude*
Kelsey Park - *Summa Cum Laude*
Soyeon Park - *Magna Cum Laude*
Bailey Nicole Parton - *Cum Laude*
Callista Nicole Peeff - *Cum Laude*
Suzie Pham - *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Phillips - *Summa Cum Laude*
Brianna Morgan Pierce - *Cum Laude*
Claudia Pinedo
Elias Pizano-Mendez - *Cum Laude*
Megan Pohs - *Magna Cum Laude*
Madhuri Tibola Rai - *Cum Laude*
Autumn Rassmussen - *Cum Laude*
Valeria Rivera Molina - *Magna Cum Laude*
Jordan Elizabeth Roberts - *Summa Cum Laude*
Noelle Wendy Roe - *Cum Laude*
Delaney Rubenstein - *Summa Cum Laude*
Sidney J. Ruiz - *Summa Cum Laude*
Ellyn Rustad - *Summa Cum Laude*
Kylie Quinn Ryan - *Summa Cum Laude*
Morgyn Lee Salter - *Cum Laude*
Elise Michele Scrivnert - *Summa Cum Laude*

Erin Settles - *Magna Cum Laude*
Lidet Shiferaw - *Cum Laude*
Levi Simon - *Summa Cum Laude*
Rachel Skalla - *Cum Laude*
Kaitlyn Skeie
Abigail Marie Smith - *Magna Cum Laude*
Caroline Diana Smith - *Magna Cum Laude*
Samantha Squellati - *Cum Laude*
Regina Stacho - *Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Stein - *Cum Laude*
Nicole Elizabeth Tamang - *Summa Cum Laude*
Esward Agmay Tetteh
Yalitza Topete - *Cum Laude*
Jazmin Clarissa Torres - *Cum Laude*
Elliot M. Towne - *Magna Cum Laude*
Viviane Tran - *Cum Laude*
Caroline Jones Uko-Etuk
Joaquin Undurraga-Tate - *Cum Laude*
Olena Usatiuk - *Summa Cum Laude*
Alexander Ryan Valdez
Brittany A. Valencia
Madison K. VandeBurgt - *Summa Cum Laude*
Lillia Kathryn Vaughn
Tiana Monique Warner
Krysten Welsh - *Cum Laude*
Alissa S. Williams
Katherine Patricia Williams - *Magna Cum Laude*
Sarah Elizabeth Wilson - *Cum Laude*
Patryk Andrzej Wlodarczyk - *Cum Laude*
Taylor Worley - *Magna Cum Laude*
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Enhancing Health-Related Quality of Life and Patient Activation: An Education and Coaching Centered Health Promotion Program Evaluation

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Impact of Staff Nurse Decisional Involvement on Patient Safety Outcomes

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Mindful Meditation in the ALS Population

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Improving the Transition from Pediatric to Adult Epilepsy Care for Young Adults with Complex Epilepsy: A Quality Improvement Project

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Improving Postpartum Diabetes Screening Rates Through a Structured Clinical Protocol

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Formative Evaluation of the Disaster Behavioral Health Surveillance Dashboard

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Improving Transition to Insulin Pump Therapy

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Learn, Lead, and Level Up: A School Nurse Learning Series

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An Evaluation of the Impact of Bedside Education and Structured Clinical Onboarding for Nursing

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Bridge-to-Care: A Bilingual SmartText and QR Code Strategy to Increase Referral Completion Rates

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Improving Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Uptake Among Postpartum Women: A Quality Improvement Initiative for Midwifery Patients at UCHHealth

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Implementation of a clinical reasoning workbook to enhance novice advanced practice provider clinical reasoning skills

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Reducing NICU Admissions Through a Neonatal Hypoglycemia Pathway: A Quality Improvement Initiative

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Increasing Confidence and Competence of Novice Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners via an Enhanced Mentorship Within a Fellowship Program

Jennifer Pliska

Quality Improvement Project for the Implementation of a Clinician Safety Checklist for the Correct Evaluation of Pregnancies of Unknown Location

Katherine Cashman Porter

Improving the screening and identification of patients with Perinatal Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PPTSD) in Labor and Delivery

Jennifer Rosen

Growing Futures: Training School Nurses to Support the Health and Wellbeing of Pregnant and Parenting Youth

Ashley Seguin

Enhancing Perinatal Mental Health Pathways Through Bipolar Disorder Screening and Referral: A Quality Improvement Project at a Midwifery Clinic

Shelby Lynn Smith

Screening for Childbirth Related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Using a Validated Screening Tool

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Improving Uptake of Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) for Chlamydia in a College Health Clinic

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Development and Evaluation of a Coordinated Care Plan Program to Decrease Acute Care Utilization in Super High Utilizers

Caroline A. Sunkle

Evaluation of the Clinical Nurse Transition Program

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Implementing Nurse-Led Breastfeeding Education for Pregnant Mothers in an Urban Outpatient OB Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project

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Leveraging Annual Wellness Visits to increase Advanced Care Planning

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Social Integration and Personal Care Ability through a Stroke Survivor Support Group

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Formative Evaluation of the Disaster Behavioral Health Surveillance Dashboard

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NR₄A₃ Controls an Epigenetic Program that Limits the Fate of Tumor-Specific CD8⁺ T cells

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Discovery, Function, and Evolution of Recombinase-Associated Antiphage Defense Systems

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*Elucidating the Role of Estrogen Signaling in the Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma
Tumor Immune Microenvironment*

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When Structure Shapes Discovery: Standards, Bias, and Predictions in Biomedical Knowledge Graphs

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Determining the Roles of SEMA7A and SOX9 in the Postpartum Mammary Gland and Breast Cancer

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Hybrid Insulin Peptides: Antigen Discovery and Induction of Tolerance to CD₄ Neoepitopes

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*Time-varying And Multilevel Functional Regression Models For Survival and Scalar Outcomes In Large
Epidemiological Studies*

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Unfinished Business: A Comprehensive Risk-Based Approach to Medical Device Translation

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*Understanding Chromatin Dynamics at the Levels of Structure, Regulation, and Disease to Develop
Novel cfDNA Biomarkers*

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*Nursing Research Priorities in Geriatric Trauma: Secondary Analysis of the National Trauma Research
Action Plan Panels*

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Snare Proteins and Intracellular Calcium are Required for BMP Release from Epithelial Cells

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Influence of Myelin Loss and Repair on Motor Cortex Circuit Function Underlying Skilled Behavior

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Novel Approaches for Drug Delivery to the Anterior and Posterior Segments of the Eye

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Septin Proteins: Evolutionary Adaptation, Higher Order Structures, and Associated Diversity in Cactophilic Fungi

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Machine Learning Approaches for Characterizing and Addressing Missing Cellular Signals in Cancer Transcriptomics

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Potassium Channels in Brain Microvascular Homeostasis and Cerebral Small Vessel Disease

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Relational Harmony in Tune: Exploring Psychological Safety as Convergent Caring Praxis within Interprofessional Collaborative Care Teams

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Characterizing and Predicting Lung Injury Associated With Ventilator Interactions In Murine Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Models

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Characterizing Genetically Polymorphic Natural Killer Cell Receptors and Assessing Their Role in Human Pregnancy

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Development and Dysfunction of the Meningeal Arachnoid Barrier

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A Centriolar Satellite-RNA Binding Protein Pathway Regulates Centriole Overduplication

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Massively Parallel Reporter Assays Reveal Mechanisms of RNA Localization

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Notch and WNT Activation Uniquely Cause DCM in Children: A Pathway to New Therapeutics

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Assembly and Stewardship of the Primary Cilium: Consequences for Signaling in Trisomy 21

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Age Related Dysfunction in the Auditory Brainstem and Cochlear Synaptopathy Underlie Binaural and Spatial Hearing Deficits

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Software and Methods for Advancing Phenotypic Drug Discovery with Image-Based Profiles

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Type I Interferon Signaling in Hematopoietic Cells Impairs Neutrophil Antibacterial Function in the Middle Ear During Viral Co-Infection

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

The Oxford cap, usually referred to as a mortar board, 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.”

2026 SENATE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD	Elizabeth Ung and Annalise Sturno, Women in STEM
STUDENT LEADER OF THE YEAR	Lauren Morris
STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR	National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)
STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR OF THE YEAR	Michael Wolcott, PharmD, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
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	Jimmy Tangchittsumran
<i>Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences</i>	
	Marissa Vigil
<i>School of Dental Medicine</i>	
	Natasha Barton
<i>School of Medicine</i>	
	Patryk Wlodarczyk
<i>College of Nursing</i>	
	Sophia Hubartt-Gundelach
<i>Colorado School of Public Health</i>	
	Lauren Verhulst
<i>Graduate School</i>	
	Gabe Lefkowitz
<i>Physical Therapy Program</i>	
	Jennifer Ambrosio
<i>Anesthesiology Assistant Program</i>	
	Abbigayl Burtis
<i>Office of Research Education</i>	

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