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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 587,000 strong. Congratulations on achieving this milestone. Well done and well earned!

Cordially,

The Regents of the University of Colorado

#### 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

December 13, 2025

Congratulations, graduates! It took hard work and grit to reach this moment, and you did it! The entire University of Colorado community celebrates your achievement and 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. My own CU education has served me very well over the years. I know yours will too.



As you worked to reach this milestone, you undoubtedly received support from others along the way. I urge you to pay it forward as you make your way in the world. You'll discover – if you haven't already – that helping others is one of the most rewarding and important things you'll 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!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Saliman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd Saliman  
President, University of Colorado

December 13, 2025

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Elliman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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



December 13, 2025

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 here, so I hope you have the chance to take a moment and simply enjoy it.

While graduation can seem like the destination, it is really 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,

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

Alexandra Hays  
CU Anschutz Student Senate President



# THE OFFICIAL COMMENCEMENT DELEGATION

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Todd Saliman, University of Colorado President

Donald M. Elliman, Jr. Chancellor

Madiha Abdel-Maksoud, Associate Dean for Academic & Student Affairs, Clinical Teaching Associate Professor,  
Colorado School of Public Health

Fara Bowler, Assistant Dean, Associate Professor, College of Nursing

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Robert J. Palmer, III, Director of Clinical Education, Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy Program

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Jennifer K. Richer, Dean, Graduate School

Kristi Rodriguez, Senior Director of Admissions and Student Affairs, College of Nursing

John H. Sampson, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean, School of Medicine

Traci Snedden, Assistant Dean, Associate Professor, College of Nursing

Tammy Spencer, Assistant Dean, Associate Professor, College of Nursing

Kelly Stamp, Marshal, Associate Dean of Academic Programs, College of Nursing

Serena Younes, Program Director, Anesthesiologist Assistant Program

Catherine Wilson, Assistant Dean, Graduate School

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

Dr. Kelly Stamp, Presiding

PROCESSION

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lark

GREETINGS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Donald M. Elliman, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Chancellor Donald M. Elliman, Jr.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

President Todd Saliman

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF THE CHANCELLOR'S TEACHING RECOGNITION AWARDS

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

*Colorado School of Public Health*

Doctor of Public Health

*College of Nursing*

Doctor of Nursing Practice

MASTER'S DEGREES AND POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

*Graduate School*

Master of Science

Master of Science in Clinical Science

*School of Medicine*

Master of Science in Anesthesiology

*Colorado School of Public Health*

Master of Public Health

*College of Nursing*

Master of Science in Nursing

Post-Graduate Certificate

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

*College of Nursing*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES

Regent Ilana Spiegel

RECESSIONAL



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.

# GRADUATE SCHOOL

Jennifer K. Richer, Dean

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## THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### August 2025 Graduates

Madeline Sohayla Akbari - Microbiology

*Metabolic Host-Pathogen Interactions During Group B Streptococcus Infection*

Christopher Lee Alderman - Molecular Biology

*Eyes on Eya: Visualizing and Inhibiting the Eya-PP2A Interaction in Cancer*

Alyssa Riane Beck - Epidemiology

*Leveraging Electronic Health Records to Characterize Risk Factors for Antimicrobial Resistant Infections*

Leandra Bitterfeld - Nursing

*Understanding Medication Adherence among American Indian/Alaska Native People with Type 2 Diabetes within a Commercial Health System*

Jennifer Briggs - Bioengineering

*Dynamical Systems Approaches for Inferring Unobserved Physiology: Mathematical Modeling, Signal Processing, Complexity Theory, and Machine Learning in the Cerebral Vascular and Glucose-Endocrine Systems*

Sophia Corbo - Cancer Biology

*EPHA4 Mediates PRO- and ANTI- Tumoral Effects Through Upstream Negative Regulation of AKT in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma*

Shaterra Davis - Nursing

*Understanding the Care Transition Needs of Black and African Americans with Heart Failure: A Qualitative Study*

Arely Viridiana Diaz - Molecular Biology

*Regulation of metabolic sexual dimorphisms in Drosophila larvae*

Tyler John Dobbs - Integrated Physiology

*Moving Beyond the Scale: The Impact of Metabolic Bariatric Surgery on Glycemia, Hormone Secretion, and Fat Distribution in Youth with Type 2 Diabetes*

Connor Scott Elkhill - Computational Bioscience

*Development of deep learning methods to optimize personalized treatments for craniosynostosis*

Daniel George Foster - Toxicology

*Targeting BCL2-Mediated Fibroblast Persistence Attenuates Silica-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis Progression*

Lucas Alan Gillenwater - Computational Bioscience

*Condition-Specific Deconvolution of Molecular Mechanisms*

Dustin L Heiden - Immunology

*The Original SYN: Alpha Synuclein at the Nexus of Neuronal Anti-Viral Immunity*

Xin Jin - Biostatistics

*Personalized Prediction of Nonlinear Longitudinal Data: Methodological Developments in the People-Like-Me Framework Using Curve Matching*

Rama Kant - Toxicology

*Mechanisms of Action Underlying Ocular Injuries Post-Sulfur Mustard and - Lewisite Exposure, and Dexamethasone as a Treatment Option*

Uma Kantheti - Immunology

*PD-L1 signaling in dendritic cells shapes immunity in the skin and draining lymph node*



Shanawaj Khair - Molecular Biology  
*Burn-Induced Lung Inflammation and Antimicrobial Peptide Expression via IL-6 Trans-Signaling*

Alyssa Rachel Margolis - Molecular Biology  
*Arginine-Dependent Mechanisms of Oxidative Stress Resistance in Salmonella*

Katie Marie Marker - Human Medical Genetics and Genomics  
*Fine-scale population structure and its impact for common and rare variants*

Kaylee Lynn Mickens - Microbiology  
*Death and Survival of Gut CD4 T Cells Following HIV-1 Infection*

Carley Miller - Pharmaceutical Sciences  
*Understanding stress integration with sex, cell-type, and synapse specificity*

Natasia Paukovich - Molecular Biology  
*Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Regulating Large Macromolecular Machinery*

Ian James Cleo Purvis - Cell Biology, Stem Cells & Development  
*IN THE LOOP: Investigating Enhancer-Mediated Regulation of OTX2 During Retinal Development*

Dylan Sarbaugh - Molecular Biology  
*CHD4 Cooperates With NKX2.2 to Maintain Pancreatic Beta Cell Integrity*

Ashton Lane Sigler - Immunology  
*The Differential Roles of Formins in Promoting T Cell Migration in Complex Environments*

Kim Marie Slusser – Nursing  
*Examination of Access and Early Integration of Palliative Care for Individuals Living with Cancer*

Michael Stockton - Neuroscience  
*Premyelinating Oligodendrocyte Survival Governs The Production Of Adult Born Oligodendrocytes In Health And Disease*

Wesley Allen Thornton - Rehabilitation Science  
*Midsagittal Tissue Bridges and Walking Recovery in Individuals with Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury*

Jason Ryon Wilson - Human Medical Genetics and Genomics  
*Transient site-specific copy gain of innate immune genes and the impact of Trisomy 21*

**December 2025 Candidates**

Bridget Alexander - Immunology  
*Deletion of Ptpn2 in B cells promotes autoimmunity via TLR and JAK/STAT signaling*

Giovana Maria Breda Veronezi - Molecular Biology  
*Mechanisms of H3K27me3 maintenance post-replication*

Matthew Breit - Integrated Physiology  
*Intermittent Fasting vs Daily Caloric Restriction: Dietary Flexibility, Eating Behaviors, and Models of Energy Intake*

Natalie Jane Carey - Neuroscience  
*Oligodendrocytes specifically and heterogeneously use postsynaptic proteins to regulate myelin characteristics and select unique axons for myelination*

Sophia Clune - Toxicology  
*Discovery and Pre-Clinical Development of CHD1L Inhibitors for the Treatment of Cancer*

Marc D'Antonio - Immunology  
*LPAR5-Mediated Regulation of CD8 T Cell Exhaustion and Persistence*

Courtney Dubrott - Neuroscience  
*The influence of cerebellar output on reaching and corrective limb movements in mice*

Lauren Noel Dunn - Human Medical Genetics and Genomics  
*Altered Hepatic Metabolism in Down Syndrome*

Lily Elizabeth Ricketson-Feldman - Pharmacology  
*From Chemotherapy to Chloride: How Cancer Cells Hijack NPEPPS-Dependent Suppression of Volume-Regulated Anion Channels to Resist Treatment*

Andrea Marie Griesinger - Clinical Science  
*Making immunotherapy successful in immunosuppressive pediatric ependymoma*

Jason Daniel Groegler - Pharmaceutical Sciences  
*The Role of Hybrid Insulin Peptides in the Pathogenesis of Type 1 Diabetes*

Parsa Haque - Cancer Biology  
*Obese Adipose Tissue Extracellular Vesicles Dysregulate Metabolism and Increase Stem-Like Ability of Colonic Cells to Enhance Tumorigenesis*

Dustin L Heiden - Immunology  
*The Original SYN: Alpha Synuclein at the Nexus of Neuronal Anti-Viral Immunity*

Amita Kashyap - Immunology  
*Fate and Function of Inflammatory TYPE 2 Innate Lymphoid Cells*

Hannah Marie Kisselburgh - Epidemiology  
*Bacterial Enteric Diseases, Antimicrobial Resistance, and Patient Outcomes*

Laura Leaton - Immunology  
*Genetics, Expression, and Checkpoint Function of NK Cell Receptors*

Virginia Alice Lijewski - Clinical Science  
*The Impact of Patient Social Vulnerability and Provider Characteristics on the Timing of Urine Toxicology Testing in Pregnancy*

Evan Jovon Morrison - Molecular Biology  
*Discovery and Characterization of a METAP-Dependent N-DEGRON Pathway*

Michael Vincent Orman - Pharmacology  
*Exploring Mechanisms of Aggressiveness in Molecular Subtypes of Prostate Cancer*

Margaret Reid - Health Services Research  
*Hospital Consolidation and Access to Care for Medicaid and Uninsured Patients*

Lauren Rutt - Toxicology  
*Exploring Mechanisms of Fibrotic Gene Reprogramming in Toxicant-Induced Liver Injury*

Juan Gabriel Santiago Moreno - Neuroscience  
*Separable Pipulation Codes Constructed from Mixed Single Cell Representations*

Christopher James Schaaf - Cell Biology, Stem Cells & Development  
*NKX2.2 directs pancreatic endocrine commitment via metabolic regulation of NEUROG3 progenitors*

Rachel Nicole Steinmetz - Cancer Biology  
*Targeting Semaphorin 7A Signaling in Estrogen Receptor-Positive Breast Cancer*

Abby Danielle Trouth - Structural Biology & Biochemistry  
*Understanding Heterochromatic Structure and Dynamics*

Roque Anthony Fulgencio Velsaso - Nursing  
*Stigma Narratives: Exploring Stigma And Primary Care Access Among Transgender And Gender Diverse Older Adults In The Inland Empire, California*

Tarah Welton - Bioengineering  
*Drumbeat Optogenetic Stimulation: Using Multi-Site Stimulation to Improve Optogenetic Stimulation of the Peripheral Nervous System*

## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

### August 2025 Graduates

Danae Au	Bioengineering
Jessica Elizabeth Benjamin	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Jocelyn Contreras	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Wendy Dawson	Bioengineering
John Thomas Davey	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Rio Dean	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Fabiola Estrada	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Rachel Garstang	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Ami Lynn Haas	Biomedical Basic Sciences
Erin Nichol Jandebour	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Mallory Erin Karr	Epidemiology
Omnia Nawar Khan	Modern Human Anatomy
Jordan Ivan Lemus-Reyes	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Xiaohui Lv	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Kathryn Mirandette	Bioengineering
Efren Montelongo	Bioengineering
Jaycee Angelita Quinn	Epidemiology
Olivia Danielle Reed	Palliative Care
Pearl Yasmin Hilda Wilcock	Biomedical Basic Sciences

### December 2025 Candidates

Amber Bollinger	Bioengineering
Edward Bosko	Biostatistics
Abigail Elizabeth Buell	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Erika Desonie	Microbiology and Immunology
Arabella Hope Faircloth	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Moomal Jatoi	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Maydha Kumar	Bioengineering
Jordan Patrick McClung	Bioengineering
Almond H. Mckinley	Modern Human Anatomy
Emma Leigh Myers	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Praveen Ramaswamy	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Emily Rose Smith	Modern Human Anatomy
Madeline Smith	Modern Human Anatomy
Ryan Nicholas Suckow	Modern Human Anatomy
Yifan Zhao	Biostatistics

## THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL SCIENCE

### August 2025 Graduates

Samantha Jaymes Demarsh	Zoë Josephine Williams
Molly Erin Welch Thiessen	

### December 2025 Candidates

Shannon Acker	Justin Benjamin Searns
Anneliese Theresa Elmer	



# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

*John H. Sampson, Dean*

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## THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

### December 2025 Candidates

Kimberly Rose Anagnostopoulos  
Rodrigo Ayres  
Kelly Anne Babcock  
Taryn Banfield  
Salma Bashir  
Brooklynn Becker  
Giovanni Beltran  
Suzanna Louise Benson  
Axel Thomas Bonde  
Hailey Renee Bruce  
Makayla Callender  
Emily Katharine Campbell  
Karin Campbell  
Patrick Ryan Carroll  
Alaric Bruce Chan  
Emma Christoff  
Kiana Naomi Coffin  
Nicholas Creahan  
Amy Masako Delaney  
Luke Anthony Demolli  
Colleen Ann Donoghue  
Gabriella Fisher  
Noah Forman  
Marcos Gomez-Corona  
Norbert Gratzl  
Ashley Jane Hand  
Umaru Ufedo Haruna  
Elizabeth Hennessy  
Karina Herrera  
Elizabeth Nicole Hunt  
Kaylin Betty Kalbacken  
Ethan Kitchens  
Shannon Nicole Leffler  
Ellen Luce-McKay  
Yesenia Maddaford

Maximilliano Andreas Martinez  
Kaitlyn Charline Mauder  
Jennie Maurer  
Gabrielle McGinn  
Jamie Robert McMullen  
Hannah Mimmack  
Jacqueline Alexis Mosley  
Zabrina Motwani Condor  
Linda Neely  
Sarah Nishikawa  
Amber Padgett  
Jenna M. Paul  
Blake Anne Poole  
Tremayne Prudhomme  
William Raudalez frausto  
Bianca Reinalda  
Dylan Joshua Robic-Myara  
Erin Amelia Rose  
Ella Marie Ruehr  
Olivia Grace Seiller  
Karl Shuca  
Hunter Austin Simes  
David Standerfer  
Daniel Cannalte Stovall  
Patricia Elaine Tajji  
Natalie Aliya Telep  
Antonia Marie Tsamasfyros  
Emily Tully  
Blake Lyn-Winslow VanderPloeg  
Brianna Wheeler  
Taylor Anne While  
Daniel White  
Mackenzie Sue Rae Whiteside  
Xavier Elijah Xaybanha  
Emily Eleanor van Deinse

## THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ANESTHESIOLOGY

### December 2025 Candidates

Meagan Grace Abbagnaro  
Alexander Robert Bearup  
Bradley Caldwell  
Lena Helen Gammel  
Ella Gavin  
Cayla Pawlowski Miller  
Christian Myers, *posthumous*

Anthony John Partrick  
Nhan Pham  
Ryan William Powell  
Madisyn Rylee Reiakvam  
Mackenzie Claire Thomas  
Bailey Turpen  
Rachel Catherine Weeks

# COLORADO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

*Cathy Bradley, Dean*

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## THE DEGREE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### **August 2025 Graduates**

Najma A. Abdi  
Kristen Marie Autret  
Lisa Dawn Burnam  
Alexz Michele Carpenter  
Cailey Lynn Cimera  
Mahima Dahal  
Shiloh Dailey  
David Davis  
Dominick Francis DeMarsico  
Emery Anita Duet-Champagne  
Andrea Jean Dwyer  
Jillian Lea Ellermann  
Tatum Flatt  
Kavya Reddy Ganuthula  
Charlie Emerson Graves  
Grace Greathouse

Karina Elizabeth Hernandez  
Azalee Sunshine Hoffbauer  
Phu Duc Vinh Huynh  
Ryanna Padilla  
Pranav Padmanabhan  
Shannon Marie Papalia  
Jennifer Lisa Peers  
Laura-Elena Porras-Holguin  
Anupriya Rajendiran  
Tamia Rios  
Kamrin Paige Robinson  
Laura Silverboard  
Amelia Elizabeth Staniszewski  
Liam Starr  
Cortney Nicole Steele  
Juan Antonio Vargas

### **December 2025 Candidates**

Andrew Dean Ballard  
Anita Bancroft  
Lindsey Nicole Barkow  
Olivia Robbins Brandt  
Ryan T. Brubaker  
Mandi Leigh Burcl  
Mia Carlotta  
Daniel I. Casillas  
Patricia Velaine Castillo  
Kelsey Ann Clark  
Amanda Terfansky Counter  
Saeideh Dadras  
Siyat Dubat  
Olivia Aileen Eatherton  
David Henry Feenstra, Jr  
Tiasha Fernando Bachrach  
Alana Elizabeth Hicks  
Megan Hollister  
Summer Huang  
Bilquees Jamali  
Anna Kenyon

Joey Kim  
Carrie Leon  
Terry Leza Ann Melinda Liefde  
Andrea Lopez Tzun  
Nicole McDaniel  
Molly Katherine McKinney-Holcomb  
Kelly Ann Medina-Pacheco  
Grace Morgan  
Kelly Rachel Nash  
Paris Antoinette Saenz  
Alina Brianna Sanchez  
Abigail Lynne Schmidt  
Kacie Schrum  
Cecilia Mae Smith  
Lance Dean Sommer  
Asma Taheri  
Aylin Emel Uncu  
Sean T. Vieau  
Gabriela Amparo Walters  
Marianna White

## THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### **August 2025 Graduates**

Jessica Butler  
Julia Marie Larson Pangalangan

Hannah Louise Walters  
Chelsea Ann Wesner

### **December 2025 Candidates**

Devin Miller

Nicole Domonique Reed

# COLLEGE OF NURSING

Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Dean

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## THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

### December 2025 Candidates

Stacey Marie Brundrett

*Evaluation of an In-Situ Simulation Training Program to Improve Adult Medical Emergency Response in an Ambulatory Military Setting*

Raiza Deyto

*Enhancing Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) Through Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Education for Women in the Colorado National Guard*

Michelle Rene Dunne

*Improving the Diagnosis and Treatment of Myalgic Encephalitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) in Women Veterans: A Quality Improvement Project*

Kiersten Booren Fisher

*Early Interventions to Address Mental Health Concerns for Patients Undergoing Bone Anchored Limb Surgery: A Quality Improvement Project*

Mollie Quinn Gurley

*Optimizing Inpatient Care for Adolescents with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD): A Psychoeducation Approach to Reduce Overutilization of Emergency Department Services*

Nahid Kuseh Kalani Yazd

*Increasing vitamin D supplementation adherence through education in Middle Eastern & African women: A quality improvement project*

Sarah Lack

*Social Determinants of Health Screening in Nurse Home Visiting Programs: A Quality Improvement Project*

Joe A. Martinez

*Evaluating the Impact of a Telehealth Medical Nutrition Therapy Program on Improving the Overall Health of Patients with Class II Obesity*

Jennifer C. Miller

*Nurse Clinical Ladder Program, Patient Safety Metrics and Nurse Turnover: A Program Evaluation*

Jennifer H. Nguyen

*Improving Care and Access to Healthcare for Veterans by Educating VA Cardiology staff on Military Service as a Social Determinant of Health*

Carey Ramirez

*Improving Presence of Advanced Directives in High-Risk Thoracic Oncology Patients to Support End of Life Decision Making*

Leah B. Rashidyan

*Improving Syphilis Screening and Management in Pregnancy: A Quality Improvement Project within an Obstetric Emergency Department*

Miriam I. Rogers Holy

*Noon Discharge: Increasing Throughput at VA Maryland Health Care System on an Inpatient Acute Unit*

Jennifer Sanderfer

*Reducing Student Absenteeism and Evaluating the Impact of an Acuity Tool on School Nurse Workload*

Brandee Yorel Simpson  
*Improving Nexplanon Adherence at Northeast Colorado Health Department*

Andrew Slavetskas  
*Medical Clearance for Psychiatric Patients in the Emergency Department*

Lauren St. John  
*Effectiveness of a Leadership Orientation Program on Quality Metrics at a Children's Hospital: A Program Evaluation*

Donna Wellbaum  
*Enhancing Safety by Preventing Patient-Initiated Violence Against Healthcare Staff*

Danielle Catherine Zaderaka  
*Program Evaluation for Child and Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program at Telstar Colorado Springs*

Roque Anthony Velasco  
*Stigma Narratives: Exploring Stigma and Primary Care Access Among Transgender and Gender-Diverse Older Adults in the Inland Empire, California*

## POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

### August 2025 Recipients

Shawna Bassler	Veteran Military Healthcare
Patricia Bowe	Veteran Military Healthcare
Rebecca Breidenstein	Health Care Informatics
Jessica Dean	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Courtney Doerfler	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Amee Fitch	Veteran Military Healthcare
Joseph Funk	Veteran Military Healthcare
Anora Harris	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care
Tessa Huizenga	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Rebecca Huner	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Jacey Love	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Juliadele Male	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Abigail Ohrnstein	Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Taryn Olivera	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Laurie White	Health Care Informatics
Kristin Wilson	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care
Meghan Worley-Morse	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

### December 2025 Recipients

Hilary Adams	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Claire Colie	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Kristin Greenwald	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Jessica Howard	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Jacqueline Jones	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Jennifer Pliska	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Christopher Stuckey	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Monica Teichert	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Nicole Yang	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

## THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE - NURSING

### August 2025 Graduates

Hailey Anne Batke	Family Nurse Practitioner
Olivia J. Benson	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care
Angela Jean-Potter Braithwood	Veteran Military Healthcare
Hannah Mace Brinkman	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care
Kendahl Grace Caminiti	I-LEAD Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems
Gretchen Beverly Christoph	Family Nurse Practitioner
Samantha N. Cooper	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Bradley Joseph Correia	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Claire Simpkins Crawford	Family Nurse Practitioner
Laura Dantin	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Julia Grace Desisto	Veteran Military Healthcare
Olivia Jeanette Ficarrota	I-LEAD Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems
Heather Flimlin	I-LEAD Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems
Alissa Katrin Fox	I-LEAD Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems
Rachel Haven Freeman	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Kelsey Gaskins	Family Nurse Practitioner
Sophia Graben	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care
Victoria Lee Grassl	Family Nurse Practitioner
Josephine Anna Griego	Family Nurse Practitioner
Anna Hall	I-LEAD Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems
Jacqueline Hicks	I-LEAD Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems
Janae Hixson	Family Nurse Practitioner
Haley P. Holton	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care
Hagie Michelle Jhong	Family Nurse Practitioner
Betzabe Karagozian	Family Nurse Practitioner
Paige Marian Kelly	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care
Jessica Rose Kern	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Jaime Kim	Family Nurse Practitioner
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Reyna B. Lindert	I-LEAD Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems
Tiffany Ann Lozoya	Veteran Military Healthcare
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Victoria Eve Paredes	Family Nurse Practitioner
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Caroline A. Sunkle	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Justin Richard Thompson	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care
Marissa Danielle Thorne	Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
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Meghan Leah Degnan  
Linda Driscoll Powers  
Emma Claire Dunder  
Brittany Anne Zart Dunn  
Autumn Celia Facktor  
James E. Farley  
Keely Flack  
Arielle Creekmore Flom  
Carissa L. Fowler  
Stephanie Sue Franklin  
Dawn Marie Frederick  
Lindsey Ellen Frolkov  
Elisabeth Gallacher  
Caroline Gaus  
Anne Macky Goclano  
Brianna Goodman  
Lindsey Hall  
Emily Ada Healey  
Nasrin Manera Thunder Hawk  
Theodore Adams Hudson  
Amanda Hutnick  
Megan Kenward  
Tatjana M. Keys  
John William Knox  
Megan Nicole Lee  
Ashley Leighliter-Smith  
Alysha Marina Leyva  
Bryn Elisabeth Lloyd  
Erica D. Loveland  
Susan Primrose Mahoro  
Debora Mauser  
Mary Rose Lepore McDermott  
Danielle Louise Meyer  
Brittany Nicole Miller  
Colleen Morrison  
Catherine Rose Muellenberg  
Christine Rwamba Njagi  
Violeta Pantaleon  
Natalie Patton  
Jessica Peck  
Emma Pinkerton  
Stacey Joaquin Policarpio  
Natalie Ann Prisciandaro  
Raquel Elaine Rhea  
Jessi Lynn Ridinger  
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Haven Shoemaker  
Jessica Smelcer  
Corey Anne Smith  
Rebecca Jeanne Smith  
Brittani Crenshaw Smoot  
Rachel Lyn Snyder  
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Miranda Venhuda  
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### August 2025 Graduates

Katelyn Nicole Adams - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Casey Elise Ayala - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Erin L. Bath - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Angelita Rafael Campos  
Crystal Juyi Carpenter - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Raquel Alejandra Castro - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lily Beatrice Chapman - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Annabel Marie Charles - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Caroline Andrea Coyle - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hannah Maria Davidson - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hannah Christine Davies - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Anna Renee Deubel - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Isabella Rose Driscoll - *Summa Cum Laude*  
McKenzie Alexandra Egan - *Cum Laude*  
Madeleine Jane El-Jammal - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hannah Brooke Emery - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Isabel Fraley - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Melissa Grace Funes - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Samantha Ann Gennett - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tracey Edith Gomez - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Taylor Anne Harris - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kendal Lynn Hile - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Larissa-Mae Garcia Honorio - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tasnim Ismail - *Cum Laude*  
Dana Ashley Jens - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Violet Suzanna Kehoe - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Megha Khanna - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Anand Lewis - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lucas Loots - *Cum Laude*  
John Lovell - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Courtney B. Manahan - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Bonne Mae Matheson - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brianna May  
Kylie Madison McGeehan - *Cum Laude*

Emma Renae Hanna Morissette - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Henry Morrissey - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tara Anne Mortell - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Chessa Marie Munoz - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sina Mushtaq - *Cum Laude*  
Angelique Maria Datuin Ninete - *Cum Laude*  
Adrienne O'Hara - *Cum Laude*  
Grae Lauryn Patterson - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Teagan Henry Raymond Pendleton - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rachel Ann Pifer - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Rakesh Potluri - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Camden Anthony Reynolds - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Erin Elizabeth Riley - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ryan Ashley Robinson - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alondra A. Rodriguez - *Cum Laude*  
Jillian Marissa Roller - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Riley Kay Sale - *Cum Laude*  
Alden Sanford - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Taylor Anne Saturday - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kelli Corinne Saunders - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Dylan Frank Seagren - *Summa Cum Laude*  
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Jonathan Sierra - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hannah Kamakaiokia Smith - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Steven Eric Smitka - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Skyler Angelina Spanbauer - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Leah Brooke Sunday - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Sarah Jo Sutherland - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mikaela Loraine Taylor - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Katrina My-thanh Truong - *Cum Laude*  
Poleth Valdez - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Elise Marion Vilendrer - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Katherine Helene Wright - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mackensie Clare Zinser - *Magna Cum Laude*

*Honors designations are based on grades through Summer 2025 and are pending final Fall 2025 grades.*



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### December 2025 Candidates

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Hannah Elizabeth Allen - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gia Asher-Lagleva - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sebastian Barlow - *Cum Laude*  
Kendall Elizabeth Bash  
Jennifer Louise Baughman - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Margot Peyton Bickler - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Isabella Bovero - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Makenna Brannon - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ashton Bridges - *Cum Laude*  
Madison L. Buehler - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Anh Bui - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Madison Nicole Bush - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Leah Kean Campbell - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mateo Daniel Carrera Mantilla - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Giuseppe Catanzaro - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Trent Christensen - *Cum Laude*  
Emily Elizabeth Culbertson - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ela David - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Taytam Drent - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Svetlana Dudin  
Brittany Eades - *Cum Laude*  
Michelle Marie Fernandez-Hazoury - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jaden Nicole Fleming - *Cum Laude*  
Shelby Flores - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Sitlali Flores Garcia - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Nicolas Galvis-Ramirez - *Cum Laude*  
Matthew Joseph Greuel - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Bellina Guerra-Wooldridge  
Skylar Guilder - *Cum Laude*  
Shane Harris-Capuanio - *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Nicole Marie Jones - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rachel Jade Kading - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Amisha Karki - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Halle Kuykendall - *Cum Laude*  
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Sophia Lamb - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Grace Landry - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jason Scott Lee - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Cindy Stefanny Loayza Auqui - *Cum Laude*  
Valeria Lopez-Tiznado - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kathryn McLellan Lucas - *Summa Cum Laude*  
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Lily Qiao Li Prestien - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Derek Reeter - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ashleen Margaret Rose Sapuppo - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Megan Ruth Schweitz - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Angela Scine - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alison Shields - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Marie Smith - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jade Rose Stevens - *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Chloe Elizabeth Tanner - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kalissa Olivia Thoren - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Emma Rose Vargo - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ariana Viegas - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Chhorda Vuth - *Cum Laude*  
Abby Wallin - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Abigail Waters - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tatum Westendorf - *Summa Cum Laude*  
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Yelyzaveta Yermakova - *Magna 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 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 candidates are long and pointed, while the sleeves of the gown worn by the master's degree recipients are square at one end with a slit at the elbow. The doctor's gown has flowing sleeves with three bars of velvet and 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."

