



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

**DECEMBER 16, 2023**





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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

#### THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO



Back Row: *Callie Rennison, Chair, District 2, Mark VanDriel, District 8; Frank McNulty, District 4; Wanda James, District 1; Glen Gallegos, District 3*  
Front Row: *Nolbert Chavez, District 7; Ken Montero, Vice Chair, District 5; Lesley Smith, At Large; Ilana Dubin Spiegel, District 6*



December 16, 2023

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations, graduates! Today marks a major milestone in your lives. All of us at the University of Colorado celebrate you and your achievement. You should feel great pride in earning your degree, and positioning yourselves for further success in the future.

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. As a fellow CU alum, I have experienced firsthand the transformative effects of a CU education. I know yours will serve you well, and enable you to serve others.



Among the many things you've learned during your time with us is the value of hard work, perseverance and self-awareness in achieving your goals. Throughout your educational journey you've also undoubtedly benefited from others' support. I encourage you to pay this forward as you make your way in the world. It will be among the most rewarding things you do in life, for yourself and others.

On behalf of the CU community, I wish you 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 16, 2023

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 persevered through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. These accomplishments have undoubtedly prepared you well for a career in 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 dedication in pursuit of a noble profession. Today, you join a distinguished group of CU alumni who have committed themselves to careers of service, health and healing.

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 that reads "Donald M. Elliman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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



December 16, 2023

Dear Graduate,

As your CU Anschutz Student Senate President, it is my honor and privilege to congratulate you on the completion of your program.

You have now joined the ranks of the many who have come before, in the evolution of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus community and perpetuation of its legacy.

These last few years have been anything but ordinary. A global pandemic on top of an already formidable curriculum has created many unique challenges. However, by virtue of your academic rigor, zeal for your craft, and hard work, you have not only endured but triumphed.

Even amidst adversity, your commitment to your education and furthering the development of your field has set you apart from the masses.


During your time at CU Anschutz, you have accomplished so much more than just earning your degree. You have dedicated yourself to gaining the knowledge and learning the skills needed to open new doorways that will lead into your future. You have been nurturing a dream, and with every hour you have studied, you have taken a step closer to turning that dream into a reality. Now it is time to move on to the next chapter of your journey.

As you go forth into the professional world, I am confident that your experiences here at CU Anschutz will enrich any environment in which you find yourself. You and your classmates are the trailblazers of the future who through passion and integrity will pioneer a kinder, brighter tomorrow.

Once again, congratulations on this significant accomplishment.

I wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Dawson  
President, CU Anschutz Student Senate



# THE OFFICIAL COMMENCEMENT DELEGATION

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Todd Saliman, University of Colorado President

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Amy Barton, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Students, Professor, College of Nursing

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Michael Harris-Love, Program Director, Physical Therapy Program

Jeremy Hueth, Vice President, University Counsel, and Secretary of the Board of Regents

David James, Senior Instructor, Physical Therapy Program

Vesna Jevtovic-Todorovic, Chair and Professor, Anesthesiology

Anthony Kinney, Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy Program

Michael Lightner, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Bruce Mandt, Assistant Dean, Graduate School

Roderick Nairn, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

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John J. Reilly, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean, School of Medicine

Regina Richards, Vice Chancellor of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Community Engagement

Jennifer K. Richer, Dean, Graduate School

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

Kristine Sikora, Associate Dean, Graduate School

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

Ethelyn Thomason, Faculty Assembly Chair

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

Dr. Kelly Stamp, Presiding

PROCESSION	Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Damon Toczykowski Aurora Police Department Honor Guard
GREETINGS FROM THE CHANCELLOR	Chancellor Donald M. Elliman
INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS	Chancellor Donald M. Elliman
PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	President Todd Saliman
PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS	
<i>Physical Therapy Program Awards</i>	Dr. Michael Harris-Love
<i>College of Nursing Awards</i>	Dr. Amy Barton
<i>Anesthesiologist Assistant Program Awards</i>	Dr. Vesna Jevtovic-Todorovic
<i>Colorado School of Public Health Awards</i>	Dean Cathy Bradley
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Chancellor Donald M. Elliman, Jr. and Academic Deans
DOCTORAL DEGREES	
<i>Graduate School</i>	
Doctor of Philosophy	
<i>School of Medicine</i>	
Doctor of Physical Therapy	
<i>Colorado School of Public Health</i>	
Doctor of Public Health	
<i>College of Nursing</i>	
Doctor of Nursing Practice	
MASTER'S DEGREES AND POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATES	
<i>Graduate School</i>	
Master of Science	
Master of Science in Clinical Science	
<i>School of Medicine</i>	
Master of Science in Anesthesiology	
<i>Colorado School of Public Health</i>	
Master of Public Health	
<i>College of Nursing</i>	
Master of Science in Nursing	
Post-Graduate Certificate	
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES	
<i>College of Nursing</i>	
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	
NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES	Regent Ilana Spiegel
RECESSIONAL	





University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus**

**Class of 2023**

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 2023 Graduates

Monica Ann Benson - Neuroscience

*Binaural Hearing in Noise-Induced Cochlear Synaptopathy*

Emily Jane Burtch - Bioengineering

*Characterization of Amniotic Fluid Stem Cell-Derived Exosomes for Regenerative Therapies in Neonates*

Laurel Beatrice Darragh - Immunology

*Improving Response to Immunotherapy in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma by Reducing Nodal Irradiation*

John Anthony DeSisto, II - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development

*Investigation of Heterogeneity and Stemlike Cell Drivers Oncogenesis in Pediatric High Grade Glioma*

Hannah Bass Fleming - Clinical Science

*Clinical Characteristics of Preterm Infants with Oral Feeding Failure*

Jeremy Graber - Rehabilitation Science

*Clinical Decision Support for Personalized Rehabilitation after Total Knee Arthroplasty*

Monica Elaine Graham - Microbiology

*Targeting the Zika Virus DB-1 Structure for Attenuating Vaccine Design*

Josephina R. Hendrix - Computational Bioscience

*Advancing Mycobacterial Genomics Through Improved Bacterial Genome Assembly, Quality Assessment, and Annotation Analysis*

Connor Joseph Hughes - Pharmacology

*Characterizing the Metastatic Regulatory Functions of SIX and EYA Family Members in Diverse Tumor Types*

Austin Jamshed Jolly - Pharmacology

*The Chromatin Remodeler BRG1 Directs Progenitor-To-Myofibroblast Differentiation and Vascular Fibrosis*

Meghan Kellett - Cancer Biology

*Subcellular Localization of Focal Adhesion Kinase in Thyroid Cancer*

Conner James Langeberg - Structural Biology and Biochemistry

*Diverse Functional RNA Structures from Single-Stranded Positivesense RNA Viruses: A Structural and Functional Assessment*

Aaron Michael Lazorwitz - Clinical Science

*Influence of Genetic Variants on Steroid Hormone Metabolism in Contraceptive Implant Users*

Frances Shieh Li - Microbiology

*Defining MARCO-Virus Interactions That Determine Alphavirus Viremia*

Brian Adam Lloyd - Pharmacology

*Nanoscale Characterization of Endogenous Neurexins Reveals Neurexin-3 is Spatially Distinct from Neurexin-1 and Controls Excitatory Synapse Nano-Organization in Hippocampus*

Haider Syed Manzer - Microbiology

*Characterizing the Factors Contributing to Group B Streptococcus Colonization and Disease*

- Rosemary McDonald - Integrated Physiology  
*Age-specific N-glycome Differences in Mouse Gonadotropes*
- Krista Burney Mills - Microbiology  
*The Role of Surface Protein G (SasG) in Staphylococcus aureus Healthy Human Skin Colonization*
- Daniel Olson - Clinical Science  
*The Agricultural Worker and Respiratory Illness Impact (AGRI) Study: Measuring the Clinical and Economic Impact of Respiratory Infections in Guatemalan Agricultural Workers*
- Zoe Lauren Owrutsky - Neuroscience  
*Toward a Biomarker for Spatial Hearing Ability*
- Yunus Hifzullah Ozekin - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development  
*Cracking the Cleft Palate Code: How Bioelectricity Shapes Development*
- Hamish Pike - Human Medical Genetics and Genomics  
*Disentangling Amino Acid Substitution Patterns that Vary Through Time and Across Protein Sequence*
- Ruben Dario Rosas Ospina - Structural Biology and Biochemistry  
*Structural and Biophysical Characterization of a Novel Single Alpha Helix Domain with DNA Binding Activity and Spacer Function in the Histone Chaperone CAF-1*
- Anagha Inguva Sheth - Cancer Biology  
*The Role of BCL-2 Mediated Calcium Signaling in Leukemia Stem Cell Metabolism and Function*
- Scott Tilden - Toxicology  
*Exploiting a Type III Interferon Response to Improve Nanomedicine Efficacy*
- Jacqueline Anne Turner - Pharmacology  
*Lysophosphatidic Acid is a Lipid-Regulated Immune Checkpoint*
- Lauren Marie Zell-Baran - Epidemiology  
*Exploring Immunotoxicity of Poly- and Perfluoroalkyl Substances in Children*
- Wenru Zhou - Biostatistics  
*On the Use of Interim Analysis for A/B Testing and Information Sharing*
- Yaxu Zhuang - Biostatistics  
*Statistical Methods in Machine Learning Based Fusion Models with Applications to Electronic Health Record Data*
- December 2023 Candidates**
- Jaidev Pushpak Bapat - Cancer Biology  
*CASC4/GOLM2 Drives High Grade Serous Cancer Anoikis Resistance Through Recycling of EGFR*
- Madeline Marie Blankenship - Bioengineering  
*Socially Assistive Robot (SAR)-Augmented Upper Limb Rehabilitation*
- Deena Nicole Brosi - Health Services Research  
*The Interplay of Geography, Local Politics, and Legislation When Investigating Vaccine Uptake During the COVID-19 Pandemic*
- Nan Chen - Pharmacology  
*Targeting Bypass Signaling to Overcome Resistance to Primary Oncogene Inhibition in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer*
- Samantha Ann Crawford - Pharmaceutical Sciences  
*Mechanisms of Hybrid Insulin Peptide Formation in Type 1 Diabetes*



- Bergren Walter Crute - Immunology  
*Defining Regulatory Immune System Receptors Based on Their Engagement of Inhibitory Cytoplasmic Phosphatases*
- Megan Marie Cullinan - Structural Biology and Biochemistry  
*Investigating the Conformational Dynamics of the Acid-Sensing Ion Channel 1a Intracellular Termini Using Transition Metal Ion FRET*
- Allison Milfred Dubner - Integrated Physiology  
*Contribution of Smooth Muscle-Derived Resident Vascular Progenitor Cells to Atherosclerotic Plaque Progression*
- Amy G. Feldman - Clinical Science  
*Under-immunization in the Pediatric Liver Transplant Population: Defining the Problem and Creating Solutions*
- Kendra Rose Ferrier - Human Medical Genetics and Genomics  
*Epigenetic Modeling and Analysis of Obesity in African Americans*
- Harrison Albert Fuchs - Structural Biology and Biochemistry  
*Regulatory Mechanisms of the Histone H3 Tail Conformational Dynamics in the Nucleosome*
- Lorraine Garcia - Nursing  
*Obstetric Violence in U.S. Maternity Care: Meaning Making from the Break the Silence Social Media Campaign*
- Lauren Ashley Hinrichs-Kinney - Rehabilitation Science  
*Blending Learning and Implementation Science to Advance Rehabilitation Paradigms for Older Adults in Skilled Nursing Facilities*
- Erin April Hirsch - Clinical Science  
*Applying User-Centered Design to Facilitate Adherence to Lung Cancer Screening*
- Amy Joachim - Nursing  
*The Role of Professional Identity in the Lived Experience of Nurses Who Left Nursing*
- Lindsay Vi Ollerenshaw - Rehabilitation Science  
*A Mixed Methods Evaluation of Interagency Collaboration in Part C Early Intervention*
- Michelle Rauzi - Rehabilitation Science  
*A Multicomponent Telerehabilitation Program for Older Veterans with Multimorbidity: Mixed Methods Intervention Development*
- Karli Swenson - Integrated Physiology  
*CBD for Morning Sickness: Defining the Effects of Cannabidiol Consumption During Pregnancy on Offspring Neurodevelopment, Behavior, and Diabetes Risk*
- Sarah Elizabeth Thompson - Clinical Science  
*Developing the Music Intact™ Program*
- Michael Thornton - Neuroscience  
*Multiphoton Imaging Reveals Regional and Activity-Dependent Regulation of Oligodendrocyte Lineage Cell Dynamics*
- Lauren Ashley Vanderlinden - Epidemiology  
*Lipid Mediator Profiles: Their Roles and Predictors in Preclinical Rheumatoid Arthritis*
- Alison Mackenzie Wallbank - Bioengineering  
*Lung Structure and Function During Acute- and Ventilator-Induced Lung Injury: Treatment with a Novel Nanoparticle Therapeutic*
- Randi Yeager - Molecular Biology  
*Regulation of Mating-Type Specification in S. Cerevisiae Yeast Spores*

## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

### August 2023 Graduates

Fatima Mahdi Ahmed Abdelmoneim	Bioengineering
Kristen Renee Adelman	Palliative Care
Dana Mhd Mounir Bakdach	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Stephanie Marie Bersie	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Julia Elizabeth Besagno	Palliative Care
Gary Conner Cahill	Modern Human Anatomy
Ezekiel Nikolai Cain Fitzgerald	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Anne Camerlengo	Palliative Care
Randall Gordon Craig	Palliative Care
Sam DeStefano	Bioengineering
Dixa Gautam	Bioengineering
Hana Belay Gebru	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Marilla Gould	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Brenton Graham	Biostatistics
Maya Rose Handelsman	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Evan Connor Harrison	Biomedical Basic Sciences
Kimberly Ann Indovina	Palliative Care
David Robert Johnson	Biostatistics
Julie L. Jones	Palliative Care
Katie Eliese Jones	Palliative Care
Kendra Rae Jones	Bioengineering
Andrea Lynn Laurin	Bioengineering
Magda Lenartowicz	Palliative Care
Jannika Victoria Machnik	Bioengineering
Shivani Bhatia Martin	Palliative Care
Kendra Marie Meer	Biomedical Basic Sciences
Kilsia Franchesca Mercedes	Biomedical Basic Sciences
Joshua Aaron Michlin	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Aaron Matthew Olschefski	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Gabriela Tatiana Ortiz	Bioengineering
Amanda Meredith Perras	Bioengineering
Oana Petcu	Palliative Care
Sharvari Sainath Pradhan	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Olivia Alexandra Prymak	Bioengineering
Devjit Roy	Palliative Care
Dena Sarraji	Bioengineering
Georgia Smith	Biostatistics
Nicholas Reid Therrien	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Nicole Thurston	Palliative Care
Gabrielle Maureen Vragel	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Elizabeth M. Wigdahl	Modern Human Anatomy
Corey Steven Worledge	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology

### December 2023 Candidates

Katie Boncella	Bioengineering
Nathan Michael Bonniwell	Bioengineering
Mansi Desai	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Amy Dye-Robinson	Biostatistics
Logan Cook Ellwood-Digel	Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology
Lindsey Jeanne Foust	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Devin Grove	Bioengineering
Nathan Carl Grove	Biostatistics
Lucia Selena Guatney	Biomedical Basic Sciences
Ashlee Suzanne Harry	Modern Human Anatomy

Marie-France Izere  
Adriana Joyce  
Jeffrey Thomas Kearns  
Bhargavi Korlipara  
Karl William Larson  
Pramit Maskey  
Carly Meador  
Jennifer Montgomery  
Rely Reji Varghese  
Elizabeth Wirges Schiesser  
Maria Trivino Samper  
Jonathan Trent VanHawkins

Modern Human Anatomy  
Bioengineering  
Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology  
Bioengineering  
Bioengineering  
Biostatistics  
Bioengineering  
Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Bioengineering  
Bioengineering  
Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Biostatistics

## **THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL SCIENCE**

### **August 2023 Graduates**

Christina Ramo Fisher  
John Paul Haydek

Ryan Morrow  
Kathleen Guo Yan

### **December 2023 Candidates**

Robert Wilson King

Morgan Grace Quist Sooy

# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

*John J. Reilly, Jr., Dean*

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## THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

### December 2023 Candidates

Cody Don Anschutz	Amanda Jo Lederhos
Jennifer Ivette Arevalo	Kara Alexis Lunski
Kendell Baylor	Connor Michael Marotte
Jerilyn M. Betts	Chika Archisha Matsumoto
Madelyn Marie Bilbo	Jessica Matsushima
Kaycee L. Binder	Caroline A. McCleery
Sebastian Alexander Brothers	Dennis Edward McCree
Aryssara Bryndzia	Jillian Genevieve Menzie
Cassandra Nina Constine	Ryan Michael
Kassidy Lynn Cook	Janae Mina Mudge
Olivia Cooper	Tessa May Reiss
Lauren Gabrielle Dimatteo	Samantha Richards
Laura Durkee	Alison Olivia Rickert
Alexandra Fields	Madeleyne Rodriguez Herrera
Annie Elizabeth Flowers	Kevin Rodriguez
Cameron Forbes	Samantha Ann Ruckle
Kendra Noelle Frieden	Zachary Jules Sapinsley
Heidi Ann Hanson	Ashrita Satchidanand
Elizabeth Paige Harrell	Tori Serna
Megan Marie Heil	Zachary Alexander Shrout
Lucas Martins Hendrick	Teresa Shultz
Erin Hicks	Alyssa Mae Siljendahl
Jessica A. Hofherr	Emma Grace Siu
Danielle Luvenia Hood	Morgan Alexandra Skinner
Kelsey Fitzgerald Hornburg	Henry M. Smaldon
Shawn Fitzgerald Horne Jr.	Emily Elizabeth Souder
Dylan Matthew Hudson	McKenna Caelin Vaughn
Julie M. Huestis	Emily Ruth Wardyn
So Hyun Jang	Amy Weilbaker
Naomi Maia Johnson	Moriah Jean Weir
Christina Rose Kennedy	Lauren Elizabeth Welch
Courtney Kinniburgh	Derek S. Wert
Kristen Michaela Kirby	Samantha Lee Westfall
Braden Isao Kojima	Allison Campbell White
Kelsey Lynn Kribs	Edric Z. Zhan
Rachel Lana	

## THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ANESTHESIOLOGY

### December 2023 Candidates

Erin Daniel	Kristina Renee Krepinski
Amanda N. Frye	Mackenzie Rae Newton
Jaeda Mitsuko Gothberg	Daniel O'Brien
Brendan Sean Hogie	Jacob David Stanley
Alexandria Gabrielle Jenkins	Derek John Wiedmeyer
Roukaya Mabizari	

# COLORADO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

*Cathy Bradley, Dean*

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## THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### August 2023 Graduates

Kelsey Elizabeth Barton  
Kamonthip June Homdayjanakul

Prajakta Shanbhag

## THE DEGREE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### August 2023 Graduates

Ndiebso Agbormbai  
Lauren Kerry Barbera  
Brittany Carlson  
Taylor Marie Stein Carranza  
Emily Casagrand  
Christina Cheung  
Lucia Rachel Miller Christensen  
Celeste Poppy Connell  
Brockton Ryan Curry  
Shelby Wyatt Deaderick  
Alexandria Caitlin Dunnells  
Mary Elisabeth Fuhlbrigge  
Kelley Mackenzie Gavin  
Ayeesha Asta Gote  
Varvara Gulina  
Inshirah Fadlallah Hammad  
Chase Thomas Hopkins  
Alexandra Anne Kees  
Anna Kristine Kingman  
Jasmine Nicole Langston  
Kathleen My Le

Jyothi Sri Lokanadham  
Adilene Anai Marquez Martinez  
Anna Monley  
Vivian Bui Nguyen  
Mackenzie Lee Owen  
Krishangi Pokhrel  
Halley Gertrude Pucker  
Amanda Anne Rivera  
Sagun Sharma  
Wilson Bennett Sheffield  
Zoe R. Steinberg  
Katherine Stonecipher  
Wengel Tadesse  
Sneha Talla  
Yadiel Tesfaye  
Karen Sundstrom Thomson  
Cecilia Vann  
Gena Marie Weir  
Kaitlyn Whitney  
Paula Andrea Yañez Diaz

**December 2023 Candidates**

Muzen Ahmed  
Cassandra Grace Allison  
Reid Bearden Ballard  
Meagan Bean  
Eileen C. Brown  
Dominique Carrington Cain  
Alicia M. Daniels  
Griffin Day  
Destiny Dominguez  
Emily Drowniany  
Haley Renee Ekren  
Elizabeth Jo Gillespie  
Yesenia Gonzalez  
Madison Haise  
Katherine Elizabeth Harvey  
Forrest Joyal  
Aaron Kian  
Keanu Kalai Cruz Kikau  
Alexandra McCadden King  
Hanna Dawn Kiryluk  
Carrie Krol  
Danielle Lagana  
Julianne Marsh  
Sheri B. McCaskill  
Samuel Alton Messenger  
Allyson Montstream  
Lydia Mudd

Mosiur Rahman Munna  
Endy Munoz  
Rebecca A. Novak  
Angela Ohm  
Xernona Okungu  
Jessica Tyson Palazzolo  
Gurnoor Kaur Pannu  
Payton Pohlman  
William Garrett Pollock  
Vaishnavi Potluri  
Eleanor Sojourner Pullan  
Kathryn Alayne Rorer  
Aurora Rousseau  
Bergonias Raissa Sessou  
Vannesa Sifuentes  
Carina Wade Stavish  
Marguerite Stevens  
Hridith Sudev  
Caroline Grace Sullivan  
Aki Sophia Lumeena Suzuki  
Hayley Swedal  
Karli Swenson  
Eddy Martin Virgen  
Madison Delaney Walker  
Jacqueline Hayley Welsh  
Michael Patrick Zapke



# COLLEGE OF NURSING

Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Dean

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## THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

### December 2023 Candidates

Sheika Rosalene Adams

*Program Evaluation of Department of Veterans Affairs Southern Nevada Healthcare System's Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Program*

Jordyn Marie Bode

*Confidential Care for Adolescent Patients Seeking Reproductive and Sexual Health Care in a Title X Funded Clinic*

Thomas Joseph Bolsega

*Improving Palliative Care in Military Treatment Facilities*

Amy L. Carlson

*Assessing the Effectiveness of a Veterans Health Administration Nurse Performance Appraisal Program*

Haley Renee Ekren

*Integration of Machine Learning and Interventions to Decrease No-Show Rates: A Quality Improvement Project Designed for Patients Desiring Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)*

Rachel Ann Fadeley

*Expanding Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Education and Access for Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender Patients in Urban Alaska*

Leah Holt Grange

*Implementation of an Intraoperative Anesthesia Handoff Tool within the Electronic Medical Record: A Quality Improvement Project to Enhance Patient Safety*

Erica Guay

*Program Evaluation of an Emergency Event Protocol Training in a Critical Access Hospital*

Caryn M. Hafer

*Improving Provider Response Times to Acutely Injured Patients at a Level II Trauma Center: A Quality Improvement Project*

Anna Maria Regina Hamilton

*Improving Communication with Spanish-Speaking Pediatric Patients and Caregivers with Limited English Proficiency During Inpatient Rounding on the Pulmonary Service*

Aden A. Henry

*Improving Licensed Nursing Personnel's Use of Age-Appropriate Distraction for Pain Management During Venipuncture and Peripheral Line Placement in Hospitalized Children*

Calypso Nicole Laubhan

*Program Evaluation of Cardiac Arrest Prevention within the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Seattle Children's Hospital*

Erin Elizabeth Liebman

*Championing the Me in Treatment: A Quality Improvement Project to Increase Individual Patient Participation in Treatment Planning in an Inpatient Behavioral Health Facility*

Qin Liu

*Improve Pain Assessment and Management for Residents with Dementia*

Perla Denisse Millan-Aguilar

*Program Evaluation of Client Care Experience in a Collaborative Care Walk In Mental Health Clinic*

Suzanne More Paul

*Implementation of Clinical Decision Support (CDS) to Improve Recognition and Management of Hypertension and/or Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD), in Children with Obesity*

Marcy Polk

*Influence of Transformational Leadership on Nursing Staff within the VA Health Care System: An Evaluation of the Nurse Manager Transition to Practice Program*

Jennifer Marie Rodriguez

*An Implementation and Evaluation of Stay Interviews at 4 Midwifery Practices Within the University of Colorado College of Nursing*

Allison Lee Sebastian

*Preoperative Depression Screening and Mental Health Referral in Women Undergoing Elective Hysterectomy: A Quality Improvement Project*

Holly Packard Strain

*Improving Patient Activation Among Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease: A Quality Improvement Initiative*

Damon Toczylowski

*Veteran Exposure Assessment and Screening Evaluation (VET-EASE) Toolkit for Primary Care Providers*

Summer Jane Woodward

*Improvement of Patient Quality of Life Through Palliative Care*

Henry Wilson Wright, II

*Standardizing Preoperative Non-opioid Analgesics: An ERAS (Enhanced Recovery After Surgery) Opioid Reduction QI Project*

## POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

### August 2023 Recipient

Anna Dierenfeld

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

### December 2023 Recipients

Lauren Amos

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Mikeala Cook

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Courtney Daniels

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Kristin Demmert

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Theresa Holsan

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Heidi Ingram

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Mijoo LeMaster

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Krista Lopez

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Alan Reed

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Allison Reichhold

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Renee Rietsch

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Pamela Swedseid

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Binu Thomas

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Wendy Vigil

Nurse-Midwifery

## THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE - NURSING

### August 2023 Graduates

Daniel Acosta	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Carrie Irene Adkins	Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Pamela Sue Altunsoy	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Cierra Arnold	Health Care Informatics
Colleen Renee Bassoukos	Family Nurse Practitioner
Kim Won Bates	Health Care Informatics
Margaret Mason Beemer	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Kevin Robert Bishop	Family Nurse Practitioner
Virginia Borunda	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Lindsay Rae Bradley	Health Care Informatics
Sara Connolly Burne	Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Carrie Delany Busch	Family Nurse Practitioner
Glenn Franklin Creswell, III	Health Care Informatics
Marie Grace Cuaycong	Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Julia Dunn	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Michelle Kristen Hart	Family Nurse Practitioner
Megan Ann John	Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Megan Johnson	Family Nurse Practitioner
Amy Piyanuch Kangwankij	Health Care Informatics
Maura Keal	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Mackenzie Faith Kemp	Family Nurse Practitioner
Robin Kim	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Rachel Maria Lee	Family Nurse Practitioner
Lauren Cristina Lioy	Family Nurse Practitioner
Annabella Lipinski	Family Nurse Practitioner
Bryanna Nichole Meloni	Family Nurse Practitioner
Morgan Glenn Miller	Health Care Informatics
Elizabeth Rose Patty	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Victoria M. Salas	Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Taquoia Shamberger	Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Joel L. Shubert	Family Nurse Practitioner
Candace Lynn Sneed	Family Nurse Practitioner
Stephanie Lauren Street	Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Melissa Diane Waters	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Kristin Wikoff	Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
Margaret Moyer Wood	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Taylor Nicole Woodson	Family Nurse Practitioner
Kati Irene Zagurski	Health Care Informatics
Megan Zimmermann, <i>Posthumous</i>	Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

### December 2023 Candidates

Laurie Elizabeth Andrews	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Rachel Allen Baylor	Nurse-Midwifery
Erica Nicole Boehlke	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Haley Bomal	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Michael Brown	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Emily Brush	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Jeffrey Byrne	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Matthew Capell	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Stephanie Carberry	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Caitlin Cartmell	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Cameron James Casey	Health Care Informatics
Jesse Cohen	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Taylor Deal	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Karla Lucciana Dearden	Health Care Informatics
Raiza Deyto	Veteran and Military Health Care
Jennifer Bodie Dufour	Nurse-Midwifery
Jennifer Joan Edmiston	Health Care Informatics
Laurel Rapport Essien	Nurse-Midwifery
Stuart Brent Eynon	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Amy Kay Fielding	Health Care Informatics
Katelyn Forsyth	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Kristen Paige Haege	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Meghan Karol Haff	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Katelyn Halbur	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Morgan Lynn Haselden	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Erika L. Hernandez	Veteran and Military Health Care
Anjel Sharee Hobbs	Nurse-Midwifery
Brittan Hosner	Nurse-Midwifery
Jennifer Lynn King	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Angela Karmen Lang	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Malia Lewis	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Sandra Martinez Tenreiro	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Christine Meche	Nurse-Midwifery
Audrey Montoya	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Caroline Nguyen	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Julieth Ombogo	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Gloria A Pietila	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Chenal-Christine Roberts	Veteran and Military Health Care
Anne Ryals	Nurse-Midwifery
Miranda Salky	Nurse-Midwifery
Kelly Scanlan	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Christopher M. Schneider	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Dori Shiovitz	Nurse-Midwifery
Kimberly Talana	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Melissa Thames	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Erin Paige Webb	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Daniel Taylor West	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Amanda Williamson	Nursing Leadership and Health Systems Administration (iLEAD)
Jamie Xiong	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

## THE DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE - NURSING

### August 2023 Graduates

Corie Crabtree - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Nicole Andrea DeMuesy - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Elke Dupuie - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Matthew Raymond Erickson - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brittney M. Garrett  
Shayna Anne Hamburg - *Summa Cum Laude*

Spencer L. Hodapp - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Toyin Promise Kolawole - *Cum Laude*  
Sharon Marie Lauoletolo - *Cum Laude*  
Jacqueline Rivera - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rachel Rose Shaw - *Cum Laude*

### December 2023 Candidates

Lenae Rayna Aragon - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Barber - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Adeline Brown - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mohammedamin Tola Burka  
Brianna Ellen Carter - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mukda Chabairum - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sharae Marie Chang  
Shelbi Church - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Erin Gwen Clark - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Vanessa Rae Cleaver - *Cum Laude*  
Austin Clinton - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Miranda Jade Cohen - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Anthea Collazo - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Peter C. Connolly - *Summa Cum Laude*  
James Ian Damioli - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Simon Pierr Degroot - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Hannah Marie Ditto  
Emily L. Dye - *Cum Laude*  
Andrew Ellibee - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alexis Ellis - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Daniel R. Errington - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Marlee R. Evans - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Joshua K. Fanger - *Cum Laude*  
Gregoire Hugo Fauchet - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Christianna Faulkinbury - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Micah Matthias Fernandez  
Cosima Fernweh - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mykell Fisher - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Cassia Ashlen Fremit - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer K. Friedel - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jamie Angilina Gams - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Colleen Godfrey - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Rozalyn S. Goldberg  
Nicole Goodspeed  
Maire C. Guinan - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Delaney J. Handl - *Cum Laude*  
Natasha Hansson - *Cum Laude*  
Kathryn Holder - *Cum Laude*  
Mathew Walker Hrenya-Wood - *Cum Laude*  
Katelyn Elene Jewell - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Scott Perry Johnson

Brittany Elizabeth Jones - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Caleb M. Kang - *Cum Laude*  
Alexis Klas - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kayla R. Knight - *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Crystal Faith Kostick - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Katrina Lam  
Emily G. Logan - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Xin Luo - *Cum Laude*  
Katelyn Eck Maher - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Chonalita Malabanan - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Claudia Martinez Antillon - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Caroline McPhillips - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Dylan Meredith  
Erica C.A. Messinger - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Emily L. Mills - *Cum Laude*  
Lala Paulina Mona  
Caroline Monteith - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Morgan Moua - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hayden Moudry - *Cum Laude*  
Katharine Munger - *Cum Laude*  
Arleny Munoz - *Cum Laude*  
Adam A. Norman  
Chris Rinaldo - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Matthew Scott Rockwell - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Shanor - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Megan Ann Shepherd - *Cum Laude*  
Nataliia Shevlin - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kayli Jean Short - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Emily Simonaitis - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Valerie Steinmetz - *Cum Laude*  
Amanda Faith Taylor - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Serifa Velagic-Mckinley - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sydney Waite - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Samuel T. Wellman - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Gabriel A. Wills  
Jordan Marie Wilson - *Cum Laude*  
Julie N. Winn - *Magna Cum Laude*  
Shelby Kenna Wright - *Summa Cum Laude*  
Akofa F. Zannou - *Summa Cum Laude*

## COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Tara DeMaderios, Colorado School of Public Health  
Patricia Goggans, Graduate School

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Dana Judd, Physical Therapy Program  
Kristi Rodriguez, College of Nursing  
Zack Strober, University Events

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Amber Lucero  
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Richard Blankis

Kirk Neuroth

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## ACADEMIC DRESS

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

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

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

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

The Oxford cap, usually referred to as a mortar board, has a long tassel which is fastened by a button on the top. The color of the tassel on the cap indicates the field of study.

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

## THE NORLIN CHARGE TO GRADUATES

*(From the Baccalaureate address by President George Norlin of the University of Colorado, June 1935)*

“You are now certified to the world at large as alumni of the University. She is your kindly mother and you her cherished sons and daughters.

“This exercise denotes not your severance from her, but your union with her. Commencement does not mean, as many wrongly think, the breaking of ties and the beginning of a life apart. Rather it marks your initiation in the fullest sense into the fellowship of the University, as bearers of her torch, as centers of her influence, as promoters of her spirit.

“The University is not the campus, not the building on the campus, not the faculties, not the students of any one time—not one of these or all of them. The University consists of all who come into her and go forth from her halls, who are touched

by her influence and who carry on her spirit. Wherever you go, the University goes with you. Wherever you are at work, there is the University at work.

“What the University purposes to be, what it must always strive to be, is represented on its seal, which is stamped on your diplomas—a lamp in the hands of youth. If its light shines not in you and from you, how great is its darkness! But if it shines in you today, and in the thousands before you, who can measure its power?

“With hope and faith, I welcome you into the fellowship. I bid you farewell only in the sense that I pray you may fare well. You go forth, but not from us. We remain, but not severed from you. God go with you and be with you and us.”



