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CLASS OF 2026

Sunday, December 14, 2025 | 1 p.m.
Shove Memorial Chapel | Colorado Springs, CO

CELEBRATING THE 152ND ACADEMIC YEAR

THE COLORADO COLLEGE WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, December 14, 2025 | 1 p.m.

Presiding: **Manya Whitaker**, President of the College

PRELUDE*

Offertoire in B Major, Op. 171 No. 2 *Cécile Chaminade (1857 – 1944)*

PROCESSIONAL*

From Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, Op. 39 *Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

Debbie Howell, Elder in Residence

INVOCATION*

Kate Holbrook, Chaplain

WELCOME

Manya Whitaker, President of the College

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Neena Grover, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry
We Are More Than What We Know

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Presented by **Emily Chan**, Dean of the Faculty
Conferred by **Manya Whitaker**, President of the College

COLORADO COLLEGE ALMA MATER*

O Colorado College Fair
Words and music by Charles Hawley '54 and Professors Earl Juhas and Albert Seay
Performed by Iris Pixler '27

BENEDICTION*

Kate Holbrook, Chaplain

RECESSIONAL*

Overture from Triptyque (1991) *Denis Bédard (b. 1950)*

*ATTENDEES STANDING AS ABLE

Degree recipients and guests are requested to remain in their places until the conclusion of the ceremony.

BACHELOR *of* ARTS

Abi Anderson, Easley, South Carolina
Political Science

Sarina Bink, Nunn, Colorado
Neuroscience

Ady Bolinger, Claremont, California
History/Political Science

Libby Cutler, Scituate, Massachusetts
Environmental Studies

Alexandra Aniram Flores Garcia, Brownsville, Texas
Political Science

Nyah Flores, Aurora, Colorado
Neuroscience

Peter Gottsegen, Watertown, Connecticut
Anthropology/Asian Studies

Sonia Guliak, Kiev, Ukraine
Business, Economics, & Society

Sofia Joucovsky, Denver, Colorado
International Political Economy

Riley Johnn Kadis, Newton, Massachusetts
Organismal Biology & Ecology

Olivera Kamenarovska, Skopje, Macedonia
Film & Media Studies

Leonarda Lorenz, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Geology

Ryan Maguire, Hingham, Massachusetts
Environmental Science

Charlotte Constance Maley, Santa Rosa, California
Philosophy

Gemma Marx, Brooklyn, New York
English

Macy McCauley, Loveland, Colorado
MAT Licensure Traditional

Evelyn Needham, Denver, Colorado
Computer Science

Maggie Nguyễn, Sioux City, Iowa
Chemistry

Kalan O'Hara, Timonium, Maryland
Economics

Jingyao Qiu, Hefei, People's Republic of China
Independently Designed Major

Sam Ring, Edmond, Oklahoma
Philosophy

Joaquin Romero, Mora, New Mexico
Political Science

Kylie Smith, Centennial, Colorado
Business, Economics, & Society

Marin Snyder, Longmont, Colorado
Molecular Biology

Ronan Takizawa, Tokyo, Japan
Computer Science

Robert Thomis, San Francisco, California
History/Philosophy

Ahnalyse Wyland-Olberding, Longmont, Colorado
Psychology

COLORADO COLLEGE ALMA MATER

("O Colorado College Fair")

Words and music written in 1953 by Charles Hawley '54 and Professors Earl Juhas and Albert Seay

*O Colorado College fair,
We sing our praise to you;
Eternal as the Rockies,
that form our western view;
Your loyal sons and daughters
will always grateful be;
The college dear to all our hearts
is our C.C.*

*O Colorado College fair,
Long may your fame be known;
May fortune smile upon you,
and honor be your own;
Our Alma Mater always,
Your loyal children we;
Together let us face the future,
Hail C.C.*

Audience: Please join us in singing.

SENIOR CLASS MOTTO

"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time."

— Angela Davis

SENIOR CLASS GIFT

Leave your mark on CC by supporting **Tigers for Tomorrow 2026**: the Senior Class Giving Campaign!

This year, we the Class of 2026 are rallying behind the CC Food Pantry Fund. Every dollar donated to the CC Food Pantry Fund translates directly into shelf stable meals and essential supplies made available to students for free, so every Tiger has the fuel they need to succeed.

But your legacy is yours to define: a donation of any amount to ANY area of campus counts toward the Senior Giving Campaign. So whether you end up supporting the CC Food Pantry, your major's departmental fund, or a CC athletic team you feel passionate about, let's show our commitment to uplifting the CC community, together.

Define your legacy and support the Tigers of Tomorrow!

Make your gift: give.coloradocollege.edu/tigers-for-tomorrow-2026



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Colorado College occupies the ancestral homelands and traditional territory of the Ute People, as well as Apache, Arapahoe, Cheyenne, Comanche, Kiowa, and Pawnee Nations. All were forcibly removed to reservations in Southwest Colorado, Utah, and Oklahoma. We affirm that early United States national policy was designed to breakdown Indigenous communities, destroy cultural identities, and outlaw traditional religious practices to clear a path for non-Indigenous settlement. Despite that, Indigenous Peoples are still here today, resilient, thriving, and vibrant citizens or descendants of 574 U.S. Federally recognized sovereign tribal nations, plus those from north and south of the U.S. borders and beyond. We encourage all people to learn the names and the complex histories of original people of the land you are on and continuously seek ways to act in solidarity with them today and always.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Photography: A professional photographer will be taking photos of each graduate. To order your photos, please visit www.gradimages.com. Audience members for today's event may be filmed, recorded, or photographed. Visitors consent to appear in documentation and media and its future use by Colorado College.

Livestream: The Winter Commencement livestream will be available for viewing on December 14, 2025, at 1 p.m. MT, at coloradocollege.edu/live

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