UNC Commencement Mission Statement
University Commencement represents the culmination of a student’s academic achievements. It is a time of celebration and reflection for students, families, friends, faculty and staff. It brings together a diverse community to share the joy of accomplished goals.
Dear UNC Graduates,

Commencement marks a milestone in both your journey of lifelong learning and the life of the University of Northern Colorado. As you reflect on your accomplishments and look forward to new opportunities, know that you are part of more than a century’s tradition on our campus.

In 1890, when civic leaders, educators and citizens from Greeley and across the State of Colorado gathered to celebrate laying the cornerstone of our first building, they spoke of universal education as the foundation for our future. Governor Job A. Cooper told the crowd: “It is the enlightened conscience and educated intelligence of the many that will ultimately crowd back all corruption and anarchy, and harmonize contending factions and dissipate the dangers that threaten our country. Upon this foundation stone laid today will rise an institution to prepare leaders in this great work.”

As graduates, you will leave here today to become the leaders envisioned by our founders. Earning a UNC degree is about more than books and knowledge. It is about nurturing the mind and the heart, seeing potential in the unknown, and preparing to give back to society. If you look at the array of professions — the lives — we prepare students for, many are public service oriented. UNC graduates don’t just make money; they make a difference.

As you continue your journey of lifelong learning, you can be proud to be part of a distinguished group of UNC alumni who are making a difference across the country and around the world.

Best regards,

Kay Norton

A Message from the President
Graduate Ceremony
December 11, 2015 • 7:00 p.m. • Bank of Colorado Arena at Butler-Hancock Athletic Center

Processional
Processional Music by Porret
The University Trombone Ensemble
Nathaniel Wickham, Conductor, Professor of Music

Posting Colors
UNC Police Department Honor Guard

National Anthem
The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Performed by Kelsey Leah Fritz

Student Farewell Address
Brett Allen Nichols, Doctor of Philosophy, Sport and Exercise Science: Exercise Science

Welcome and Introductions
Kay Norton, President of the University

Charge to the Graduates
Ray Tschillard

Academic Traditions
Robbyn Wacker, Provost and Senior Vice President

Presentation of Graduate Dean’s Citations
Linda L. Black, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School and International Admissions

Authorization

Presentation of the Graduates
Linda L. Black, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School and International Admissions

Conferring of Degrees
Kay Norton, President of the University
Robbyn Wacker, Provost and Senior Vice President
Linda L. Black, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School and International Admissions
Eugene Sheehan, Dean, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Laura Connolly, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Karen Turner, Acting Dean, Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business
Ellen Gregg, Dean, College of Natural and Health Sciences
Leo Welch, Dean, College of Performing and Visual Arts

Welcome from the Alumni Association
Mark Rangel, UNC Alumni Association, Bachelor of Arts 1989, Master of Arts 1995

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Commencement Marshals
David L. Pringle, Professor of Chemistry
Kay Alicyn Ferrell, Professor of Special Education

Readers
R. Vishwanathan “Vish” Iyer, Professor of Marketing and Faculty Trustee
Kaja Goetzel, International Admissions Specialist, Graduate School

Interpreter
Provided by Disability Support Services
Graduate Ceremony Speaker

Ray Tschillard

Ray Tschillard is the founding director of the Poudre Learning Center, a multi-disciplinary earth-systems-based educational organization that offers an outdoor experiential learning environment for the public, students of all ages and teacher development. Through Ray’s vision, drive and determination, the PLC grew into a 3,000-square-foot building situated on 65 acres of short grass prairie and Poudre River riparian land just west of Greeley.

Ray has over 30 years of educational experience. In 1991, he earned his master’s degree in Earth Science at UNC. He taught earth science from grades six through the graduate level, and was with Biological Science Curriculum Study (BSCS) in Colorado Springs, where his work focused on reforming science education. He has guided professional development for secondary science teachers as a contributor to the Colorado State Science Standards for the Earth and Space Sciences. An educational mentor, motivator and evaluator, Ray has given numerous presentations about experiential learning, interdisciplinary teaching and earth systems education at state, national and international professional meetings.

In February 2008, the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education awarded Ray the Enos Mills Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor for environmental educators in Colorado. This award commemorates the 19th century naturalist, Enos Mills, whose vision, photographs and writings were largely responsible for the establishment of Rocky Mountain National Park. Like Enos Mills, Ray has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the field of environmental education through the body of his work. He is an inaugural member and vice chair of UNC’s College of Natural and Health Sciences’ Advisory Board.

The Iowa native and his wife Debbie live in Greeley. They have two adult children, Zac and Amber, and three grandchildren, Hailey, Owen and Scarlett.
Master’s Degrees

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Applied Statistics and Research Methods
Adhikari, Delendra
Alresaini, Nasser
Stevenson, Olivia
Williams, Karly Marie

Clinical Counseling
Segovia, Erica Danielle
Watts, Megan

Clinical Counseling: Couples and Family Therapy
Felker, Allison Renee

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Anderson, Tiffany Jean
Crookston, Bradley James
Goldberg, Yelena
Jones, Rya Michael
Keller, Kimberly Sue
Kline, Lena Ann
Larsen, Andrea Camille
Phillip, Geoffrey Don
Rowe, Ann
Uzri, Jennifer Anne

Education: Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education
Ellis, Elizabeth Anne
Kuecke, Holly Lynn
Langlord, Kathryn Mary
Peroutka, Andrea
Richmeier, Deborah Kay
Thomas, Molly Sunshine

Education: Elementary Education with Licensure
Adfield, Andrea Jensen
Ammerman, Caitlin Layden
Anderson, Laura K.
Arguello, Amy Joo
Babb, Margaret A.
Bensinger, Aaron Todd
Blackburn, Victoria Joy
Bruner, Hannah C.
Casemore, Laura Diane
Christon, Kelly Marie
Churchill-Rolf, Michelle M.
Claiborne, Liza Marie
Delano, Diane Lynn
Dimmott, Laura
Duke, Kathryn Marie
Duty, Jami Nicole
Ellis, Jennifer I.
Emmerson, Christopher Thao
Furton, Allison Leigh
Garcia-Martinez, Luis Manuel
Garin, Jamie Jo-el
Gates, Stephanie Marie
Gidley, Aaron D.
Goldsmith, Julia-McKenzie
Hamby, Sherry K.
Hanson, Julie
Hoehn, Kathryn E.
Hurley, Austen
Jamieson, Katherine LuJean
Johnson, Amelia Richelle
Jones, Kiley E.
Kartchner, Brandy M.
Kawakami, Brittany Erin
Kingsbury, Hannah Jo
Kinsella, Erin Colleen
Kinsey, Wade Jacob
Kinslow, Kyra Ann
Kucza, Mark
Leber, Bruce Douglas
Lester, Olivia Estela
Lowman, Deanna Gloria
Luce, Angie Lee
Luce, Tamara Jean
Malenfant, Christy Lynn
Martin, Kimberly Dawn
May, Stacy Ann
McBrayer, Elley R.
McIntyre, Sally Ann
Nash, Jacob Lee
Newbanks, Toby Jerome
Osborn, Brandy M.
Palazzolo, Jennifer Ann
Parker, Allison C.
Polgar, Allison Rose
Ratliff, Julie L.
Roberts, Santhia Ciara
Salmon, Hannah Lynne
Scheaffer, Jennifer M.
Schneider, Emily Christine
Schour, Lauren Nicole
Sciacca, Kristen Colleen
Scott, Alexandre Janine
Scott, Allison Elizabeth
Shuffelton, Meghan
Smith, Danielle S.
Stewart, Morgan
Stone, Dan
Stout, Laura Elin
Tegl, Claire Jordan
Teutsch, Chelsea Amanda
Fisherman, Heather Rae
Towne, Paige Nicole
Vanley, Jeremy David
Velasquez, Bertha Leticia
Venrick, Lindsey A.
Webb, Sarah Elizabeth
Williams, Mayra Lissette
Williamson, Elizabeth Ann
Winetsvaig, Mara Markona

**Education: Linguistically Diverse Education**

Gately, Hope
Saindon, Eric Paul

**Educational Leadership**

Alrasheed, Majed Abdullah
Ampry-Smith, Kerri Wynette
Bielenberg, Jennifer Nicole
Byxbe, Jennifer Mae
Cannell, Christopher Jacob

Clarry, Molly Margaret
Culhane, Peter Edward
Cutler, Gretta
Devore, Julie Ann
Grasteit, Logan
Hernandez, Joel David
Holmes, Zoe Ann
Kastner, Matthew
Keranen, Clinton A.
Mangold, Brian Allen
Mata, John Martin
McCasey, Robert
Reagan, Joel Ray
Sanchez, Anna M.
Schuler, Sarah Jane
Severt, Heather
Siennicki, Joseph Edmund
Urich, Elizabeth Ann
Vallejos, Ashley Elizabeth
Williams, Robert S.
Zwirn, Lacey Danielle

**Educational Psychology**

Barker, Pamela
Hadley, Tamara Elizabeth
LaFary, Kathryn

**Educational Psychology: Teaching Applications**

Candreva, Kathleen Ann
Dube, Marc Allan
Goud, Joanna
Hill, Jessica Marcelle
Huckaby, Melissa Renee
Jensen, Deann Rae
Johnston, Rachel E.
Kreager, Kelsey Lynn
Lepore, Alexandra Lyn
Levy, Kelsey Allison
Lynch, Ryan
Marsland, Margaretta Wardlaw
McMullin, Deanna Nichole
Nsour, Rami Salameh
Ristow, Jillian Michelle
Ritter, Rachel Renee
Schmidt, Zac
Silz, Kristina Marion
Szabo, Alina Nicole
Taylor, Jessica E.

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**UNC HISTORICAL TIMELINE**

**April 1870**
Settlers led by Nathan Meeker begin arriving to establish the Union Colony experimental cooperative community, which becomes Greeley.

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**April 1889**
Colorado Governor Job A. Cooper signs Senate Bill 104 to create the State Normal School, which would eventually become UNC.
Theus, Raven-Syamone Louise
Verikas, Ashley Nichole
Yeager, Paul Andrew
Zinn, Tara Maureen

Educational Technology
Alaliyani, Fatimah Ali
Alkeaid, Seham Abdulrahman
Alshammari, Masad Mudhhi
Alshammari, Najla Rasheed

Reading
Colberg-Dimagiba, Callie Denise
Harbour, Wendy Sue
Nixon, Shari Lynn

School Counseling
Anderson, Tiffany Jean
Bucy, Amber Lorene
Dobson, Jason Albert
Kato, Raquel Rose
McCurry, Mary Lynn
Prior, Amalia Laurel
Rimney, Victoria Leigh
Rude, Daniel Evan
Rue, Kerstin Lavonne
Terry, Lindsey

Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Harmon, Diana Ruth
McKay, Stephanie Anne
Merkle, Tonya
Noe, Meagan Angele

Special Education: Early Childhood Special Education
Alkhuраи, Lena Ibrahim
Langer, Harriet
Malizzi, Jolie Jeanette
Moore, Amber Marie
Osmanson, Sarah J.
Ready, Mona Marie
Royal, Molly Marie
Shouse, Katherine Kincaid
Wailes, Faithanne Grace
Whitaker, Kristy M.
Zook, Kathryn

Special Education: Generalist
Aldehami, Sultan Abdulrahman
Alkulaib, Kawthar Wasmi
Almehmadi, Abdullah Ahmed
Alsayed, Abdulrahman Khalid
Atkinson, Kelly Rochelle
Clark, Dana Marie
Connelly, Alena Marie
Davis, Elisha Marie
Fillingim, Stacy Nicole
Gilligan, Michael Stephen
Glarnner, Anna Christine
Gross, Erica Whitney
Kalonogo, Focas Mayengo
Martin, Jennifer
Mcgee, Alejandra G.
Scannell, Devin Leigh
Smith, Cleveland
Wilkinson, Taylor Margaret

Special Education: Gifted and Talented Education
Callahan, Daneke Marie
Suhr, Diana D.

Special Education: Intervention Specialist
Anderson, Maggie
Bahr, Sarah
Bruce-Andrews, Candace
Fleming, Melissa Linnea
McMeen, Kendra Lyn
Snow, Stephanie
Wales, Kelsey M.
Yarbrough, Lisa Eugenia

Special Education: Visual Impairment
Behnke, Michelle Marie
Berns, Kyle J.
Brett, Lisa Dovidas
Burden, Danielle JoAnn
Martin, Tina Charlene
Miller, Tamara
Nyboer, Granger Holland
Schlotterer, Carly Winston

Teaching American Sign Language
Blythe, Rachel Berman
Dunlap, Roberta Emily
Eubanks, NancyJean Bakker
Foster, Keely Renee
Leeper, Kelly Ann
Montalette, Yvonne L.
Morrison, Eddy
Paluso, Natalie
Pfaff, Daniel Lewis
Sheppard, Sammie Rogers
Sohns, Cheryl Erlene
Tapani, Douglas
Yannotta, Brianne
Young, Thaddeus Ray

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Criminal Justice
Brownell, Heather Lynn
Courtney, Narva Nay
Lanteri, Morgan Leigh
Szekely, Livia

English
Doan, Keven M.
Gomes, Shane Anthony
Shroyer, Kara
Wythe, Lauryn

History
McNeil, John

Sociology: Applied
Dozier, Lexi Elizabeth

MONFORT COLLEGE
OF BUSINESS

Accounting
Carter, Phillip Michael
Decker, Amanda

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Biological Sciences: Non-Thesis
Almuhaini, Aeshah Mohammed

Biological Sciences: Thesis
Hume, Gretchen
Smith, Cara Francesca

Chemistry: Research
Cribbs, Joshua Paul

Gerontology
Rainbolt, Nicole R.

Mathematics: Teaching
Calhoun, Mark Robert
Dittman, Marki Marie
Money, Sara Jean
Olson, Frances Elaine
Shipley, Madison

Nursing: Clinical Nurse Leader
Bishop, Laura
Brown, Heather Lynn
Hoffman, Cynthia Ann
Terpstra, Brook Rochelle

Rehabilitation Counseling
Morey, Coliin Scott
Persson, Andrea Lou

Sport and Exercise Science: Exercise Science
Arnold, Pam
Jansson, Cristina Nicole
Lisano, Jonathon K.
Snapp, Jessica
Sommerville, Sherilyn Mina
Sun, Yu

Sport and Exercise Science: Sport Administration
Chen, Yi-Wen
Childs, Nicholas W.
Evans, Eugene Curtis
Little, Amy Elizabeth
McCain, Megan Anne Gallegos
O’Connor, Joanna Marie
Siegfried, Dane Michael
Smith, Thomas Douglas
Todd, Travis Neal
Voloch, Leslie
Yost, Lindsey R.

Sport and Exercise Science: Sport Pedagogy
Gleason, Desarae Joan

Sports Coaching
Urrutia, Anthony Eugene

June 1890
Civic leaders, educators, and citizens from around Colorado gather to lay the cornerstone of UNC’s first building, later named Cranford Hall.

October 1890
The Colorado State Normal School opens before its first building is ready, holding classes in locations around Greeley that included a room over a downtown paint store, a back room at the Baptist church and a courtroom.
COLLEGE OF PERFORMING
AND VISUAL ARTS

Art and Design
McCann, Stacia Kaye
Reeves, Christina
Ruiz, Chelsea Maja

Music: Jazz Studies
Clay, Taylor

Music: Music Education
Adams, Amy Lynn
Brown, Janis Clelyn

Theatre Educator Intensive
Burch, Neil Alan
Burrows, Kelly Mary
Carlson-Brown, Sarah Lynn
Despars, Michael Joseph
Lindberg, Erin Kelli
Rothstein, Josh
Schultz, Jacqueline
Smiley, Erin
Tschirgi, Laura Katherine
Specialist Degrees

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Educational Leadership
Brittain, Jennifer
Curran, Megan Haravitch
Forsythe, Jennifer
Justice-Lundt, Aimee Jennifer
Mallander, Sean Eric
Palermo, Matthew Benjamin
Radford, Jennifer Cleave
Richards, Clinton Dane
Sanchez, Steven Anthony
Van Luit, Emily Kristen
Watanabe, Kevin J.
Weaver, Jenelle Lynn
Williford, Jennifer L.

Educational Leadership and Special Education Administration
Alfonso, Jennifer Deanne
Ashton, Teresa
DeLeon, Carina Chrysler
Reinhardt, Caryl Diane

1891
The Colorado State Normal School’s first graduating class of 12 students.

June 1911
The Colorado State Normal School becomes the State Teachers College of Colorado.

1912
Funded in part by Senator Simon Guggenheim, Guggenheim Hall was built to house programs in fine arts and art history.
Doctoral Degrees

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIOR SCIENCES

Applied Statistics and Research Methods
Fang, Wei, B.A., M.A., M.S.
Modeling Arbitrarily Interval-Censored Survival Data with External Time-Dependent Covariates

Counseling Psychology
Gall, Rachel Tova, B.S., M.A.
All Families are Unique: Experiences of Lesbian-Parented Families

Counselor Education and Supervision
Kreider, Hannah Edith Davis, B.S., M.A.
Exploring Male Counselors’ Experiences with Vulnerability in the Counseling Relationship

Zullo, Ernest G., B.A., M.A.
Stress, Anxiety, Coping in a Live Supervised Individual Counseling Practicum: A Grounded Theory

Educational Leadership
Luster, Suzette M., B.A., M.A., E.D.S.
At-Risk High School Graduate: Succeeding Despite the Odds

McGown Kauffman, Leigh Lynn, B.A., M.N.M.
School Policy and Practice to Tackle a Public Health Problem: Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Educational Psychology
Felmban, Wejdan Shukri, B.A., M.A.
The Role of Information and Reflection in Reducing the Bias Blind Spot: A Cross-Cultural Study

Educational Technology
Armstrong, Dennis Michael, B.S., M.A.
The Effectiveness, Usability, and Motivational Characteristics of Using Animated Role-Playing: Situational Simulation Programs for Air War College Distance Learning Curriculum

Yamanaka, Akio, B.A., M.A.
Exploring a Culture of Learning with Technology: An Ethnographic Content Analysis of the Activity of Learning with Educational iPad Apps

Special Education
Buckley, Pamela Charlie Marie, B.S., M.S.
Communication Partner Experience in Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Case Study

Finnerty, Megan Stella, B.S.E., M.E.D.
Adaptations Aligned to Academic Standards for Students with Significant Disabilities in General Education Contexts

COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Educational Mathematics
Troudt, Melissa Louise, B.S., M.S.
Mathematicians’ Evolving Personal Arguments: Ideas that Move Proof Constructions Forward

Troup, Jonathan David Sterling, B.S., M.S.
Students Development of Geometric Reasoning about the Derivative of Complex-Valued Functions

Educational Psychology

Educational Technology
Armstrong, Dennis Michael, B.S., M.A.
The Effectiveness, Usability, and Motivational Characteristics of Using Animated Role-Playing: Situational Simulation Programs for Air War College Distance Learning Curriculum

Bredahl, Eric Christopher, B.S., M.S.
Effect of Creatine Monohydrate Incubation on Doxorubicin-Induced Muscle Dysfunction After Prior Resistance Training

University of Northern Colorado
Ferris, Abbie, B.S., M.S., M.S.  
Biomechanical Assessment of Ertl and Burgess Transtibial Amputation Techniques

Nichols, Brett Allen, B.A., M.A.  
Predicting Coaching Efficacy in NCAA Assistant Coaches: A Social Psychological Analysis of Coaching Goals, Beliefs, and Values

Pfannenstiel, Keith B., B.S., M.S.  
Effects of Resistance Exercise Training on Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiotoxicity

Quinn, Colin Joseph, B.S., M.S.  
Effects of Exercise Training and Doxorubicin on Myogenic Regulatory Factors

**Sport and Exercise Science: Sport Pedagogy**

Liang, TanJian, B.A.E.D., M.E.D.  
Physical Education Teacher Education Teacher Candidates’ Perceptions About and Implementation of Caring

Nampai, Udon, B.A., M.S.  
Elementary Physical Educators’ Perspectives of Curriculum and Instruction in the United States and Thailand

Setiawan, Caly, B.A.E.D., M.S.  
The Meaning of Physical Activity from the Perspective of Indonesian Immigrant Youths

**Music: Conducting**

Voelker, Kathryn Laura, B.A., M.A.  
The Musical Theater Style of Jason Robert Brown

**Music: Jazz Studies**

Middagh, Ryan Patrick, B.M., M.A.  
The Development of Bob Brookmeyer’s Compositional Style: A Comparative Study of Six Weeks for Jazz Ensemble

Norton, Don Wilbur, B.M., M.M.  
The Jazz Saxophone Style of Charles McPherson: An Analysis Through Biographical Examination and Solo Transcription

**Music: Music Education**

Leder, Matthew David, B.M., M.M.  
Towards an Informed Pedagogy of Modern New Orleans Style Music

**Music: Music Performance**

Charoensook, Juckrit, B.A., M.M.  
A Design for a National Music Examination Board in Thailand, With Particular Reference to Viola

Haislet, Matthew William, B.A., M.M.  
The Art of Multiphonics: A Progressive Method for Trombone

**COLLEGE OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS**

**Music: Conducting**

Voelker, Kathryn Laura, B.A., M.A.  
The Musical Theater Style of Jason Robert Brown

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Undergraduate Ceremony Speaker

**Greg Anton**

Greg Anton is Chairman and CEO of Anton Collins Mitchell LLP, (ACM) a Colorado based CPA firm. The 100+ member firm has been recognized as a Best Accounting Firm and Best Company to Work for and a two time Fastest Growing Private Company. Greg is a 1987 graduate of UNC, a recipient of the Honored Alumni Award for his contributions to business, past President of the Alumni Association and past chair of the School of Accountancy Advisory Board.

Greg served on the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) (2006-2009, 2010-2013) and as Chairman (2011-2012). He is the recipient of the AICPA’s 2015 Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Service; the highest award granted by the AICPA and is given to CPAs who have made major contributions to the CPA profession. Accounting Today has recognized Greg as one of the Top Most Influential People in Accounting.

Greg served as Chair of the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants Board of Directors during its Centennial year and co-chaired its Centennial Scholarship Campaign which successfully raised over $1.0 million for college accounting scholarships.

Greg and his wife Julie, who he met at UNC, have two children, Cameron and Jacob.
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Greg Anton, CPA

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**Presentation of Honor Recipients**
Tom Smith, *Associate Provost and Dean of the University College*

**Authorization**
Richard Monfort, *Member, Board of Trustees*

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Karen Turner, *Acting Dean, Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business*
Ellen Gregg, *Dean, College of Natural and Health Sciences*
Leo Welch, *Dean, College of Performing and Visual Arts*

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Kay Alicyn Ferrell, *Professor of Special Education*

**Readers**
R. Vishwanathan “Vish” Iyer, *Professor of Marketing and Faculty Trustee*
Stephanie Torrez, *Assistant Dean for Academic Support in University College*

**Interpreter**
Provided by Disability Support Services
### Bachelor's Degrees

**MONFORT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

#### Business Administration: Accounting
- Alvidrez, Alexandria R.
- Bhandari, Sansar
- Brunner, Ryan S.
- Depuy, Brian
- Fernandez, Jocelyn A.
- Hall, Cathy Kai
- Martinez, Jonathan Nicholas
- Schoewe, Matthew Ryan
- Serfling, Patrick Anthon
- Sharp, Wallace Herriman **
- Tolooee, Erin Sophia
- Wright, Heather Nicole ***

#### Business Administration: Computer Information Systems
- Brunner, Ryan S.
- Cyr, Dylan J.
- Fichter, Aaron J.
  - *Army ROTC Commissionee*

#### Business Administration: Finance
- Albassam, Hamad Bassam
- Caldwell, Alexander John
- Cesternino, Nicholas Anthony
- Galdi, Zachary Thomas
- Hazard, Kaitlyn B.
- Makings, Christina
- McDavis, Cody *†
- Muns, Andrew John
- Polkowske, Mitchell J.
- Ruminski, Brandon J.
- Samson, Eric T.
- Sutherland, Brent Samuel
- Talbott, Kaitlyn **
- Wilson, John Patrick

#### Business Administration: General Business
- Anderson, Tanner J.
- Balderas, David Jose
- Gerrie Jr., David Earle
- Johnson, Ross Dean ***

#### Business Administration: Management
- An, John
- Barlock, Wayne
- Becerra Romero, Daniel Rodrigo *
- Buggeln, Katelyn Nicole
- Caldwell, Alexander John
- Coleman, Tatyana Petrovna
- Doddrige, Kelsey M.
- Finn, James M.
- Galyardt, Emily Ann
- Grande, Elizabeth Marie
- Korell, Lincoln J. **
- Layton, Chase Dea
- Makings, Christina
- Pribyl, Michaela April ‡
- Roske, Weston D.
- Ruesgen, David M. *
- Ryerson Merredith, Chelby
- Spindler, Kaily D.
- Story, Benjamin Christopher
- Talbott, Kaitlyn **
- Tapia, Leah N.
- Tibbitts, Bryan Matthew
- Urbaniak, Christopher Tyler
- Vincent, Zachary Taylor
- Williams, Marissa L.
- Yowell, Dilan E.

#### Business Administration: Marketing
- Brennemann, Levi
- Clayton, Kenna Ashley
- Cook, Keith Anthony
- Derrieux, Jamie R.
- DeScala, Vincent Alfred
- Durkin, Michael
- Farley, Shanna Colleen
- Geier, Thomas J.
- Hassel, Gregory James
- Haynes, Jeremiah M.
- Hopson, Michael Thomas
- Major, Jonte Cymone
- Shean, Tyler

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*Cum Laude  **Magna Cum Laude  ***Summa Cum Laude  § President’s Leadership Program  ‡Honors Program
Solita, Taylor Jacob
Trujillo, Ryan Joseph
Wood, Warren T.

**Software Engineering**
Sachs, Joshua Thayne

COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

**Audiology and Speech-Language Sciences**
Aguirre, Darhien
Smith, Kelly Lynn
Staley, Audreanna
Welschinger, Micah

**Biological Sciences: Cell and Molecular Biology**
Pollard, Kyle Ernest

**Biological Sciences: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**
Brundage, Whitney A.
Espe, Rhaya Dawn
Gonwa, Chelsea Marie
Lungagam, Natawat

**Biological Sciences: Pre-Health and Biomedical Sciences**
Arreola, Desiree Yvette
Gari, Kirsten Leigh
Hainey, Kaylynne Mae
Medrano Jr., Jesus F.
Reichenbach, Michael Lewis

**Biological Sciences: Secondary Teaching, Secondary Licensure**
Busick, Michelle Joan
Hufford, Tyler E.
Lenh, Rachel
Zoesch, Kaitlyn M.

**Chemistry: Forensic Science**
McNeal, Shelby Dawn

**Chemistry: Industrial Chemistry**
Davis, Zachary Alan

**Chemistry: Secondary Teaching, Secondary Licensure**
Stripp, Erika Lynn
Woods, Makala Nikkole

**Dietetics**
Collins, Emery J.
D’Angelo, Jennifer
Doerner, Rosemary Cecelia
Eloe, Corey
Heineman, Karin
Kindvall, Ashley R.
Loman, Shannon Irene
Marrs, Emily Rose *
Martin, Kirsten Hunter
Mavashev, Elona E.
McDonald, Susan Marie
McFall, Breanna Leilani
McGrath, Heidi
Mullin, Kathryn Marie
Newlin, Bonnie Miller
Rattigan, Sarah H.
Smith, Amber
Tafoya, Danielle Victoria
Thummel, Allison Jill
Vicks, Virginie Carol
Yang, Helene

**Earth Sciences: Environmental**
Carstens, Jake W.
Rowinski, Kyle W.

**Earth Sciences: Geology**
Malkey, Scott David

**Earth Sciences: Meteorology**
Cotsakis, Katharyn **
Grasmick, Coltin ***
Hykin, Rebecca I.
Talmadge, Danielle Nicole
Tekler, Alexandria Rachelle

**Human Services**
Alramadan, Fatimah Mohammed
Arias, Celeste M.
Chavez, Marlene
Clark, Jacalyn Rachelle
Escalera, Andrea A.
Hernandez, Pamela
Kalkman, Rishae
Lopez, Stephanie
Luers, Jessica Michelle

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**July 1914**
The State Teachers College of Colorado confers its first graduate degrees.

**June 1920**
The first Master of Arts degrees awarded.
Martin, Jenna C.
Meza-Martinez, Juan
Pachek, Kathryn
Preciado, Lisa
Rhodes, Rachel Elizabeth
Saldivar, Lorena Stacy
Shaffer, Dana Frances
Sponsler, Olga Sanchez *
Wanty, Erin R.
Welschinger, Micah
Zeidler, Gabrielle R.

Mathematics: Applied Mathematical Sciences
Aljobaily, Hend Abdulrahman **
Cesare, Jessica Brooke
Collier, Joseph
Cooper, Elizabeth
Farrar, Cynthia M.
Williams III, Richard Wayne
Worth, David

Mathematics: Liberal Arts
Johnson, Keith Alan
Nutting, Nicholas Eugene

Mathematics: Secondary Teaching, Secondary Licensure
Cung, Leslie *
Giesick, Darcie D.
Wilhelm, Stephanie Alexis

Nursing
Allotey, Telisa Lynn **
Claussen, Benjamin Michael
Danahey, Shannon Bush ***
Detweiler, Hannah ***
Dillinger, Heather Pettet
Garcia, Andrew ***
Golgart, Steven D.
Guy, Shawna
Hall, Crystal M.
Jeffres, David Wayne
Kareus, Margaret Elizabeth ***
Karges, Kristan Alexandra
Kaufman, Stephanie Ann ***
Keenen, Kelsey Marie **
Landry, Kristy Layne
Lee, Amy Megan
MacQueen, Ashley Marie
Marsden, Ryan Peter ***
Marty, Barbara ***
McAfee, Sean William ***
Parent, Julie Fiss Brewer ***
Parker, Katherine Jean ***
Peters, Jordan N. ***
Philp, Erin Eileen
Ryser, Maggie Kathleen ***
Sabbeth, Alexandra Johanna ***
Schaffert, Samantha
Simpson, Melissa
Taschner, Terri Lynne
Theriault, Lauren Gail *
Thompson, Sonja Margrethe ***
Vasquez, Kimberly
Wilcox, Maggie Kathleen ***
Williams, Jason Eric ***
Wolach, Hayley Morgan
Yergler, David Michael **
Yoder, Marsha Lee ***

Nutrition
Burkley, Brittany M.
Dorcey, Hannah N.
Geiger, Heidi Jo
Grimaldo, Candice Marie
Mihaly, Alyssa M. *
Wales, Nicollette Aimee
Xu, Zihui *

Physics: Astronomy
Rutherford, Steven *

Physics: Engineering Physics
Smith, Solomon Eli Mtangulizi

Physics: Mathematical Physics
Wadle, Josh T.

Physics: Secondary Teaching, Secondary Licensure
Plantt, Taylor Harris Derby **

Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality
Capaldo-Smith, Maria Lisa
Dennerline, Haley Rainae
Erickson, Gregory M.
Evanson, Trevor A.
Kutt, Katelyn Marie
Paxton, Haley R.

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Sport and Exercise Science: Exercise Science
Cler, Jennifer
Cox, Janice Colette
Dee, Ryan B.
Gatewood, Christopher Justin
Golden, Michelle
Greenstein, Dillon Michael
Masucci, Megan Elizabeth
McCormick, Neal Louis
Michalik, Lauryn McKenzie
Schleiger, Kazmarae Brynn
Schubring, Taylor B.
Teebken, Ben Neil
Trummer, Garrett Ryan
Vaughn, Brandon Tyler
Williams, Cameron Joseph
Williams, Korey RaShad
Yoshimura, Kristen R.

Sport and Exercise Science: Physical Education K-12, K-12 Licensure
Calhoun, Jamey M.
Rhoades, Aaron James
Roddam, Jennette E.
Ruddick, Angela M.E.
Stine, Brennan J.

Sport and Exercise Science: Physical Education Liberal Studies
Bradford, Spencer Alan
McCollum, Timothy Michael

Art and Design: Art K-12 Teaching, K-12 Licensure
Bothwell, Kellen Lee
Drips, Sarah Jane
Eyerman, Nicole Elizabeth
Factor, Jessica
Giali, Amber N.
Moore, Marylyn Patricia
Nieweg, Michelle A.
Wart, Erica

Art and Design: Visual Communication Design
Arline, Lauren Lachelle
Barlow, Ariel E.
Dee, Ryan B.
Gothier, Cody J.
Haller, Seth Jacob
Hazeldine, Jennifer
Kim, Diana Eun Hye
Swick, Hannah Elizabeth
Todd, Andrew John
Valenzuela, Samantha Jo

Music: Composition
Alvarado, Mario

Music: Instrumental Performance
Davis, Justin A.
Sneden, Kyle P

Music: Jazz Studies Instrumental
Von Sicard, Carl Joseph

Music: Liberal Arts
Gleason Jr., Richard Timothy

Music Education: Instrumental Music K-12, K-12 Licensure
Granger, Zachary Stephen
Lamorie, Risa L.
LeMaire, Nicholas B.
Pettit, Taylor R.
Silloway, Evan William
Waggoner, Kyle

Music Education: Vocal, Piano, and General Music K-12, K-12 Licensure
Lorenz, Courtney L.*

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McGee, Megan E.
Ossip, Mark A.
Robins, Dana M. *
Veatch, Brandi R.

Theatre Arts
Alpers, Luke Edmund
Badding, Travis C.
Bettenhausen, Samantha **
Farmer, Anneliese Josefa
Maestas, Christian S.
Pedraza, Mariah B.

Theatre Arts: Secondary Teaching, Secondary Licensure
Burke, Katherine Ann
Olson, Samuel Jacob
Schmalz, Michael Evan *
Sergeeff, Christopher
Smiley, Kristine Marie

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Undergraduate Ceremony
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences • College of Humanities and Social Sciences • University College
December 12, 2015 • 12:30 p.m. • Bank of Colorado Arena at Butler-Hancock Athletic Center

Processional
Processional Music by Porret
The University Trombone Ensemble
Nathaniel Wickham, Conductor, Professor of Music

Posting Colors
UNC Police Department Honor Guard

National Anthem
The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Performed by Louisa Julie Jones

Student Farewell Address
Adam J. Gardner, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies: Human Communication

Welcome and Introductions
Kay Norton, President of the University

Charge to the Graduates
Greg Anton, Certified Public Accountant

Academic Traditions
Robbyn Wacker, Provost and Senior Vice President

Presentation of Honor Recipients
Tom Smith, Associate Provost and the Dean of the University College

Authorization
Richard Monfort, Member, Board of Trustees

Presentation of the Graduates
Kay Norton, President of the University

Conferring of Degrees
Kay Norton, President of the University
Eugene Sheehan, Dean, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Laura Connolly, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Thomas Smith, Associate Provost and Dean of University College

Welcome from the Alumni Association
Nancy Wendirad, UNC Alumni Association, Bachelor of Arts 2005

Recessional
Fanfare by Andrew Fox
The University Trombone Ensemble
Nathaniel Wickham, Conductor, Professor of Music

Commencement Marshals
David L. Pringle, Professor of Chemistry
Kay Alicyn Ferrell, Professor of Special Education

Readers
R. Vishwanathan “Vish” Iyer, Professor of Marketing and Faculty Trustee
Stephanie Torrez, Assistant Dean for Academic Support in University College

Interpreter
Provided by Disability Support Services
Bachelor’s Degrees

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

American Sign Language–English Interpretation
Hartwell, Dawn Marie
Hillegass, Rebecca ***

Early Childhood: Liberal Arts
Cannon, Annette L.
Garcia, Karina

Early Childhood: Teacher Education, Early Childhood Licensure
Amescua, Alessandria **
Pompey, Lillian E.

Elementary Education: Liberal Arts
Belcher, Ashlea
Berres, Taylor L.
Cooley, Timothy James
Geib, Alexis Lynn
Means, Briana
Rodriguez, Brianna Jean
Smalley, Alyssa Nicole
Waltman, Lauren Paige *

Elementary Education: Teacher Licensure, Elementary Licensure
Hill, Jessica Ann **
Matson, Lindsey Christine

Interdisciplinary Studies: Elementary Teaching, Elementary Licensure
Anderson, Jennifer Jean ***
Arnold, Michelle D.
Barden, Lauren Alicia
Bartek, Rhea Bryce
Beargeon, Kristen K. *
Bedford, Nellie Ann
Bell, Rachel M. ***
Bitsie, Sierra M. ***†
Broyer, Victoria Brie
Cano, Lindsay
Cedillo, Ashley Marie **
Cloutier, Maria Clare
Coates, Britney Nicole
Cronic, Taylor R.
Davis, Sabrina S.
Day, Samantha L.
de la Torre, Susana
Dohn, Daniel P.
Dowling, Ellie N. *
Dunst, Natale S. *
Emmons, Johnathan Cole
Ferg, Sophie Danielle
Fife, Callie M.
Fluhr, Emily Rose
Frampton, Kayla Ann
Fullmer, Kaitlyn E.
Gagnon, Savannah Marie ***
Haner, Cassandra A.
Hassel, Stephanie Janice
Hern, Danielle E.
Herrick, Amber G.
Higgins, Mercedes LaRay
Immen, Sophie E.
Irpino, Kelsey Raye
Kurpanek, Katharine Hanne ***
Larson, Courtney Jenna
Laswell, Jill Dawn ***
Lucero, Christina E.
Lucero, Megan N.
Marasco, Paige D.
Marcovecchio, Melissa C.

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Communication Studies: Human Communication
Adams, Kristen Karey ***
Alexander, Emmanuel James
Armbruster, Morgan C.
Bailey, Amanda J.
Behl, Ryan Alexander
Billington, Alyse Rachael *
Carr, Mary Erin
Dougherty, Bruce R.
Fahey, Stabler A.
Freeberg, Danielle
Gardner, Adam J.
Holmes, Rebecca Lynn
Humphries, Jessica Lynne
Kosse, Catherine E.
Madone, Brooke C.
McNerney, Cameron Alexander
Mondragon, Ashlynn N.
Rhodes, Benjamin Michael
Salazar, Kim R. **
Screnci, Zachary S.
Singleton, Thomas
Talmadge, Hannah Michelle
Thomas, Taylor Marie
Turnbeaugh, Ceri Lyn
Von Hohenstraeten, Raquel E.
Wiggins, Cody S. **
Willingham, Leilon Emery

Criminal Justice
Alshehhi, Hamdan Ghnem
Alyami, Mohammed Saleh
Anderson, Hayden C.
Aoutabachi, Shadi
Bell, Theresa Anne
Cook, Johnathan Michael
Cunningham, Dylan Patrick **
Darby, Desirae J.
Davis, James Leon
Derr, James A.
Dominguez, Lizzett
Dupree, Marcus
Garner, Clayton J.
Gennarelli, Nicholas Adam §
Gonzalez, Kendra E.
Gorman, Zachary David
Hess, Tasha E.
Jandreau, Zane E.
Leibold, Nicholas
Lopez, Martina Christine
Love, Joseph Michael
Macchione, Brian
Medrano, Imelda *
Miller, Stephanie A.
Mose, Phillip Avia
Netzel, Daniel Kenneth
Olivier, David
Owens, Michael Alan
Padgett, Trevor
Post, Michael J.
Restivo, Lauren Nicole
Rust, Jordan Danielle
Sharpe, Jessica Dawn
Thatcher, Emily Kate **
Thomas, Anthony B.
Walter, Joshua Cole

Economics
Preciado, Robert J.

English: Liberal Arts
Bernat, Emily Jean
Bielinski, Rachel Elizabeth
Cole, Laurel Ann
Dinges, Andrea Nicole
Findlay, Chelsea
Helm, Erika Mercedes
Hudson, Jared Dewayne
Keahey, Amber R.
Kuchinsky, Jared V. ***
Miller, Hannah Katherine
Pena-Rivera, Marissa Noel
Rathbun-Nimmo, Kristi Rae
Somjit, Suwanitcha
Songpim, Prapassara
Tulloch, Rebecca Jane
Vangphrom, Viriya
Vasquez, Cassius Emil

English: Secondary Teaching, Secondary Licensure
Clark, Mary Elizabeth
Kascak, Joshua R. ** ‡
Klein, Karen M.
Krueger, Raven ‡
Lester, Amalie G.
Lopez, Mara

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The State Teachers College of Colorado becomes Colorado State College of Education at Greeley.

Colorado State College of Education President William Ross acquires the 168-acre Petrikin farm for the college, more than doubling the size of the campus.
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Environmental and Sustainability Studies
Ashley, Kathryn
Burgess, Jessika Rae **
Duncan, Synovia ***
Noorlun, Lindsey Anne
Nwizu, Chisom Ogochukwu
Petersen, Tori S.
Tornow, Bradley Christopher
Work, Sean William

Interdisciplinary Studies: Student Designed
Berglund, Brock
Bitsie, Sierra M.
Interdisciplinary Studies: Elementary Teaching, Elementary Licensure
Honors Thesis: Creating Cultural Competence in Elementary Education through the use of Multicultural Literature
Advisor: Brian Rose

Cotsakis, Katharyn
Earth Sciences: Meteorology
Honors Thesis: Predicting Temperature and Precipitation Changes in Central and East Texas
Advisor: Cindy Shellito

Golden, Michelle
Sport and Exercise Science: Exercise Science
Honors Thesis: What are the Perceived Barriers that UNC Students Face When Recycling
Advisor: Richard Jurin

Kascak, Joshua R.
English: Secondary Teaching, Secondary Licensure
Honors Thesis: A Lost Generation Rediscovered: Ernest Hemingway in the Twenty-First Century
Advisor: Marcus Embry

Krueger, Raven
English: Secondary Teaching, Secondary Licensure
Honors Thesis: Walking Among the Undead: An Analysis of Vampire Literature and How the Vampire has Changed
Advisor: Lloyd Worley

McDavis, Cody
Business Administration: Finance
Advisor: Robert Brustad

Pribyl, Michaela April
Business Administration: Management
Honors Thesis: A Qualitative Case Study on Employee Satisfaction
Advisor: Milan Larson

Vaughn, Samantha L.
History: Liberal Arts
Honors Thesis: The View from Anne’s Annex: Reexamining Anne Frank and the Holocaust
Advisor: Joan Clinefelter

February 1957
The Colorado State College of Education at Greeley becomes Colorado State College.

May 1970
Colorado State College becomes the University of Northern Colorado.

2014
UNC celebrates its 125 year anniversary.
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