



COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

# GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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May 10, 2024

Dear CCU Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from Colorado Christian University. Through hard work, dedication, and sacrifice, you join the swelling ranks of CCU alumni.

Today is a day of celebration as we collectively mark the closing of one chapter in your educational journey and the beginning of the next chapter that God has uniquely planned for your future.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff of the University, I commend you for your achievement.

For many of you, today marks the culmination of several years living in community with your fellow classmates on campus. For others, today may be the first time that you have met your professors and classmates face-to-face. Despite these different educational experiences, I want you know that each of you always have and always will have a home at Colorado Christian University.

At CCU, our mission is to provide Christ-centered higher education that transforms students to impact the world with grace and truth.

My prayer for you on this auspicious day is that you will be open to the Lord's leading in your life. In Romans 12 we are called to "be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect," (ESV). I challenge you to pray boldly and think deeply as you embark on this next chapter. May the Lord richly bless you as you go out into the world to serve as a *brighter light* full of *grace* and *truth*.

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Eric K. Hogue, M.Th.  
President  
Colorado Christian University



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CHRIST-CENTERED HIGHER EDUCATION  
TRANSFORMING STUDENTS TO IMPACT  
THE WORLD WITH  
GRACE AND TRUTH

Lakewood Campus

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# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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## Rev. Samuel Rodriguez



Samuel Rodriguez is the lead pastor of New Season, one of America's most influential mega churches according to Newsmax, and serves as the president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference. Rodriguez has been recognized by CNN, FOX News, Univision, and Telemundo as America's most influential Latino/Hispanic faith leader. *Charisma* magazine named him one of the 40 leaders who changed the world. *The Wall Street Journal* named Rodriguez one of the top 12 Latino leaders. He was the only faith leader on the list.

He has been named among the "Top 100 Christian Leaders in America" (Newsmax, 2018) and nominated as one of the "100 most influential people in the world" (*TIME*, 2013). Rodriguez has advised Presidents George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump and frequently consults with members of Congress to advance life, religious liberty, and biblical justice initiatives including immigration and criminal justice reform. He is the best-selling author of *Be Light* and executive producer of three films, including *BREAKTHROUGH*. Rodriguez is the recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award presented by the Congress of Racial Equality.

# HONORARY DOCTORATES

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## Mr. Tim McTavish



McTavish served as CCU's interim president during the 2022-2023 school year and is the father of three CCU graduates. An entrepreneur, McTavish's business

was awarded "Top 25 Great Places to Work in America" and "Most Philanthropic Small Business in Colorado." As a "faithful steward wanna-be," his mission is to model a life of generosity that inspires people to give generously to life-changing causes and to fall in love with Jesus. McTavish has been honored to receive the CCU's Affiliate Faculty Member of the Year award in 2018 and 2021 as an instructor in CCU's School of Business and Leadership.

## Mrs. Donna Miller



Miller has always had a passion for serving and ministering to others. She began her college career at CCU, where she met her husband, Scott, and spent

the years following raising their three children. In 2016, Miller graduated from Baylor Nursing School. She now devotes her time as a volunteer nurse at Watermark Health. She enjoys traveling, playing golf and spending time with her family, including daughter-in-law and soon to be granddaughter.

## Mr. Scott Miller



As CEO of Interstate Batteries, Miller's vision and strategy led the \$1.9 billion industry leader through the most significant transformation

in its 72-year history. His re-architecture was designed to secure a thriving business for the next generation while fulfilling its purpose to glorify God. A proud supporter of CCU Athletics, Miller is currently Chairman of the Board at Interstate Batteries and serves on the board at Dallas Theological Seminary.

# COLLEGE OF ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDIES

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## 2024 CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



CHERRY HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
HIGHLANDS RANCH, COLORADO

# ORDER OF THE PROGRAM

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## COLLEGE OF ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDIES

### *Master of Ceremonies*

Mr. Steven T. Taylor  
Dean, School of Music

### *Processional March*

University Symphonic Band and University Choir  
Mr. Mark S. Dorn  
Coordinator of Instrumental Studies and Professor  
School of Music

Dr. David McNeil  
Director of Choral Studies and Assistant Professor  
School of Music

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
by Ludwig van Beethoven, melody from Ninth Symphony  
text by Henry van Dyke, setting by Taras Nahirniak

### *Marshals*

Mrs. Randi Scott  
Director of Retention

Mr. Michael Voris  
Senior Director of Retention

Mrs. Kathy Wolfe  
Director of Retention

### *National Anthem †*

"The Star-Spangled Banner"  
by Francis Scott Key, arranged by Russell Robinson

Erin Portress '24, Vocals  
Music Composition Major  
College of Undergraduate Studies

### *Introductory Remarks*

Mr. Eric K. Hogue  
President

### *Invocation\**

Mr. Wil Armstrong  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

### *Student Address*

Carrie Ann Newton  
School of Business and Technology

### *Presentation of Honors*

Dr. Sarah Scherling  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

### *Outstanding Doctoral Student*

Shauna Meilner  
Doctor of Nursing Practice

### *Outstanding Graduate Students*

Jesse Leech  
School of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Theodore Blair  
School of Biblical and Theological Studies

Carrie Ann Newton  
School of Business and Technology

Hannah Withers  
School of Counseling

Kaitlyn Rush  
School of Education Professions

Suzanne Collins  
School of Nursing and Health Professions

† Ladies and gentlemen, please stand. Gentlemen, remove your caps.

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# ORDER OF THE PROGRAM

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## COLLEGE OF ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDIES

### ***Outstanding Undergraduate Students***

Stephen Cronk  
School of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Ginger Cooper  
School of Biblical and Theological Studies

Bethany Shore  
School of Business and Technology

Hayley Harris  
School of Education Professions

Jonathan Kimbriel  
School of Nursing and Health Professions

### ***Honorary Doctorate Degrees***

Mr. Scott and Mrs. Donna Miller

### ***Introduction of Speaker***

Mr. Eric K. Hogue  
President

### ***Commencement Address***

Rev. Samuel Rodriguez

### ***Conferring of Degrees***

Mr. Eric K. Hogue  
President

### ***Presentation of Doctoral Degree Candidates***

Dr. Christine Lepianka  
Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions

### ***Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates***

Dr. David Murphy  
Dean, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Dr. Earl Waggoner  
Dean, School of Biblical and Theological Studies

Dr. Mellani J. Day  
Dean, School of Business and Technology

Dr. Ryan Burkhart  
Dean, School of Counseling

Dr. Jeffrey Renfrow  
Dean, School of Education Professions

Dr. Christine Lepianka  
Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions

### ***Presentation of Associate and Bachelor's Degree Candidates***

Dr. David Murphy  
Dean, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Dr. Earl Waggoner  
Dean, School of Biblical and Theological Studies

Dr. Mellani J. Day  
Dean, School of Business and Technology

Dr. Jeffrey Renfrow  
Dean, School of Education Professions

Dr. Christine Lepianka  
Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions

### ***“Holy Forever”***

by Chris Tomlin, arranged by Taras Nahirniak,  
Vocals by Dr. Biff Gore, Member, Board of Trustees  
University Symphonic Band and University Choir

### ***Commissioning, Alumni Association Induction***

Mr. Roger Chandler  
Assistant Vice President of Student Success

### ***Closing Comments***

Mr. Eric K. Hogue  
President

### ***Dedicatory Prayer and Benediction\****

Mr. Wil Armstrong  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

### ***Recessional***

University Symphonic Band and University Choir

\* *Gentlemen, please remove your caps.*



# DEGREE CANDIDATES

## COLLEGE OF ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDIES

### DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES



#### School of Nursing and Health Professions

##### *Doctor of Nursing Practice*

Chadi Awad  
M.S.N., Virginia Commonwealth University  
B.S.N., Lebanon University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*A Hospital/School Collaborative Leads to a Remarkable Decrease in Medication Errors Among New Nurses and Stability in Staff Retention*

Felicia Ogechi Edoghotu  
M.S.N., Walden University  
B.S.N., University of Texas at Tyler

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Youth Empowerment in Healthcare Mentorship Program*

Mary R Elias  
M.S.N., Saint Peters University  
B.S.N., New Jersey City University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Implementation of a Nursing Education Program and Protocol to Ensure the Knowledge of Hydration Status among LTC Residents*

Susan Sturgis Fuentes<sup>5</sup>  
M.S.N., Azusa Pacific University  
B.S.N., Point Loma Nazarene University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Faith Community Nursing as an Effective Public Health Approach: Outcome of a Collaboration to Improve Vaccine Uptake*

Brittany Hatchett<sup>5</sup>  
M.S.N., Lubbock Christian University  
B.S.N., Sacramento State University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Choices 360 - Addressing STDS in Adolescents Through an Abstinence-Based Seminar*

Robin Elise Jackson-Ervin  
M.S.N., University of Phoenix  
B.S.N., Temple University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Implementation of an Opioid Risk Took in Primary Care: A Quality Improvement Project*

Amy Jeneen Johnson  
M.S.N., University of Central Florida  
B.S.N., University of Florida

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Promoting Improved Primary Care Access: A Nurse-Led Mobile Health Clinic in Rural Florida*

Shauna Lynn Meilner<sup>5</sup>  
M.S.N., Grand Canyon University  
B.S.N., Mesa State College

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Clinical Ladder Design: Ascending the Steps Toward Professional Development*

Chinyere Jennifer Okorie  
M.S.N., California State University, Long Beach  
B.S.N., Kean University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Effects of an Interactive Community-Based Education Program and Its Impacts on Patients' Understanding of Type 2 Diabetes and Self-Management.*

Rupal Kamlesh Patel  
M.S.N., Augusta University  
B.S.N., University of South Carolina

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*The Effect of Ketamine-Assisted Psychotherapy Education on the Knowledge of Healthcare Providers*

Vanessa Renee Segura  
M.S.N., Grand Canyon University  
B.S.N., Azusa Pacific University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Improving the Clinical Learning Experience in Prelicensure Nursing Through Affiliate Staffing*

Emily Ann Smith  
M.S.N., Western Governors University  
B.S.N., Stephen F. Austin State University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Implementation of a Psychiatric Nursing Education Program: Bridging the Gap*

Stephenie Marie Snodgrass  
M.S.N., Indiana Wesleyan University  
B.S.N., Indiana Wesleyan University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*The Impact of High-Fidelity Simulation on Critical Thinking in Nursing Students*

Shannon Lea Stephenson  
M.S.N., Aspen University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*The Effect of Education on Emergency Room Nurse's Ability to Detect Human Trafficking*

Christine Straessle  
M.S.N., Mount Saint Mary's College  
B.S.N., South University

Evidence-based Practice Project:  
*Implementing Dermoscopy Education to Increase Knowledge and Utilization Among Providers*

# DEGREE CANDIDATES

## COLLEGE OF ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDIES

### GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES



Participation in the Commencement ceremony and inclusion in the Commencement program do not confer a degree upon a student, do not certify that a student has fulfilled all graduation requirements, and may not be used as proof of completion of the degree requirements. Participation indicates that an individual is a candidate for graduation. All eligible degree candidates at the time of printing were confirmed by the Office of the Registrar and are included in the program.

<sup>1</sup> University Honors    <sup>2</sup> *Cum Laude*    <sup>3</sup> *Magna Cum Laude*    <sup>4</sup> *Summa Cum Laude*    <sup>5</sup> High Distinction

Laude, University, and Graduate Honors published here are based on the student's cumulative GPA at the time of printing. Final honors designations will be posted on transcripts and diplomas and may be subject to change based on the student's final cumulative GPA.

#### School of Behavioral and Social Sciences

##### *Master of Science in Criminal Justice*

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Amy S. Kelley  
Jesse Hunter Leech<sup>5</sup>  
Samantha Reed  
Natalie Louise Rice  
Drew Forrest Travis<sup>5</sup>  
LaNisha Lenae Williams

##### *Master of Science in Psychology*

Catherine A. Gretton<sup>5</sup>

#### School of Biblical and Theological Studies

##### *Master of Arts in Applied Apologetics*

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Kayla N. Kirkman  
Ashley L. Nadeau<sup>5</sup>

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##### *Master of Arts in Biblical Studies*

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#### School of Business and Technology

##### *Master of Business Administration*

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Reagan Manolas<sup>5</sup>  
Miro C. Marriott<sup>5</sup>  
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Sarah McCormick<sup>5</sup>  
Sarah McCoy  
Andrew Mark McGowan<sup>5</sup>  
Christina Faith McKenna<sup>5</sup>  
Sarah Brittain McKinney<sup>5</sup>  
Chantel Meade<sup>5</sup>  
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Ian Monaghan<sup>5</sup>  
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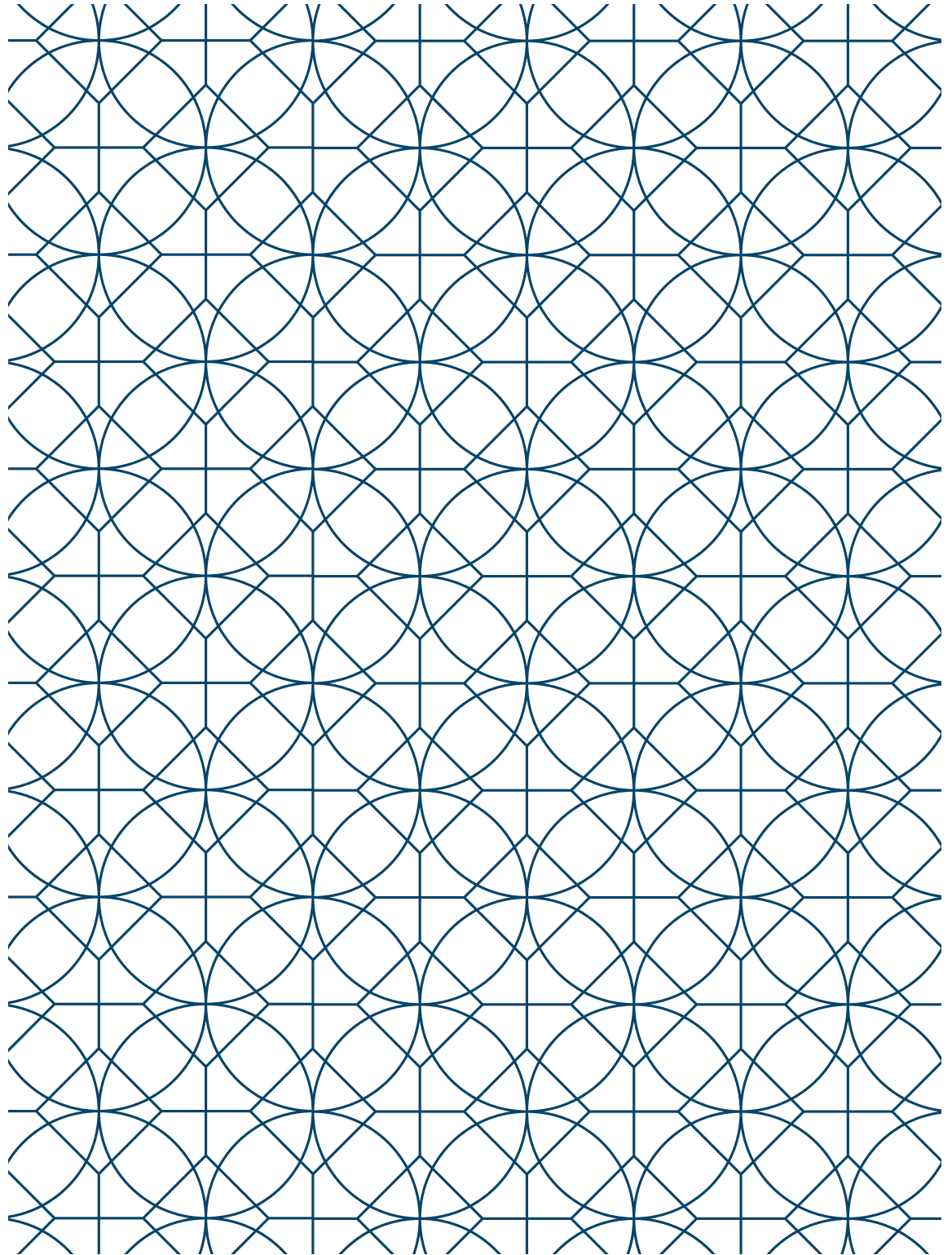
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## 2024 CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON



CHERRY HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
HIGHLANDS RANCH, COLORADO

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## COLLEGE OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

### *Master of Ceremonies*

Mr. Steven T. Taylor  
Dean, School of Music

### *Processional March*

University Symphonic Band and University Choir  
Mr. Mark S. Dorn  
Coordinator of Instrumental Studies and Professor  
School of Music  
Dr. David McNeil  
Director of Choral Studies and Assistant Professor  
School of Music

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
by Ludwig van Beethoven, melody from Ninth Symphony  
text by Henry van Dyke, setting by Taras Nahirniak

### *Marshals*

Dr. Neal Anderson  
Associate Dean of Students  
Mrs. Sharon Felker  
Dean of Students  
Dr. Kevin Turner  
Professor, School of Theology  
Dr. Priscilla White  
Professor, School of Education

### *National Anthem †*

“The Star-Spangled Banner”  
by Francis Scott Key, arranged by Russell Robinson  
Erin Portress '24, Vocals  
Music Composition Major

### *Introductory Remarks*

Mr. Eric K. Hogue  
President

### *Invocation\**

Mr. Wil Armstrong  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

### *Student Address*

Leielle Salinger  
School of Science and Engineering

### *Presentation of Honors*

Dr. Janet M. Black  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

### *Valedictorian*

Dakota Moos  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

### *Outstanding Seniors*

Julie Koyamatsu  
School of Business and Leadership  
Abigail Wahl  
School of Education  
Peter Buckingham  
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### ***Officer's Oath of Office***

Lieutenant Colonel Lynae Place, U.S. Army

Peter Buckingham

Jack Dobrotka

Ava Houser

Nurel Minor

### ***Honorary Doctorate Degree***

Mr. Tim McTavish

### ***Introduction of Speaker***

Mr. Eric K. Hogue

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### ***Commencement Address***

Rev. Samuel Rodriguez

### ***Conferring of Degrees***

Mr. Eric K. Hogue

President

### ***Presentation of Associate and Bachelor's Degree Candidates***

Mrs. Teresa Woodburn

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### ***"Holy Forever"***

by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson, arranged by Taras Nahirniak  
*This arrangement commissioned for the 2024 Colorado Christian University Commencement Ceremony.*

Dr. Biff Gore, Vocals

Member, Board of Trustees

University Symphonic Band and University Choir

### ***Commissioning, Alumni Association Induction***

Erin Amsberry '16

Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Political Science

### ***Closing Comments***

Mr. Eric K. Hogue

President

### ***Dedicatory Prayer and Benediction\****

Mr. Wil Armstrong

Chairman, Board of Trustees

### ***Recessional***

University Symphonic Band and University Choir

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

by Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960), text by William M. Runyan (1870-1957), setting by Taras Nahirniak

"God of Our Fathers"

by George W. Warren

lyrics by Donald C. Roberts with additional verses

by Jennifer Stafford

\* *Gentlemen, please remove your caps.*

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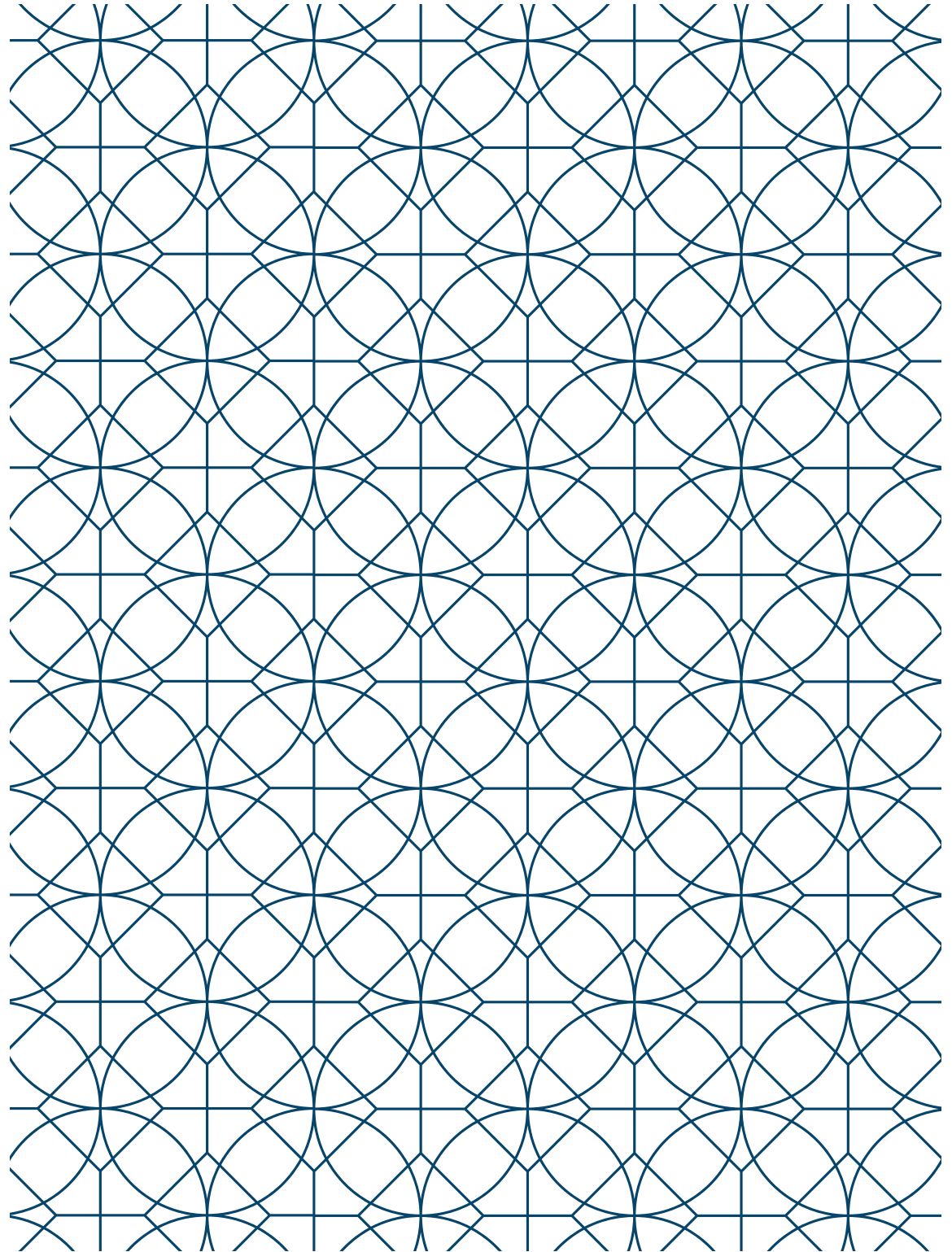
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# UNIVERSITY HONORS

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## GRADUATE HONORS

Candidates for the master's degree wearing a gold medallion with blue ribbon have earned Graduate with High Distinction Honors. These students have achieved a 3.9-4.0 cumulative grade point average and have completed 30 or more semester hours of graduate credit while attending Colorado Christian University.

## LAUDE HONORS

Candidates for the bachelor's degree wearing the white honor cord have earned the honor of *cum laude* (with honor), holding a 3.5-3.69 cumulative grade point average. Those wearing the silver honor cord have earned the honor of *magna cum laude* (with high honor), holding a 3.7-3.89 cumulative grade point average. Finally, those wearing the gold honor cord have earned the honor of *summa cum laude* (with highest honor), holding a 3.9-4.0 cumulative grade point average. Students receiving these distinctions have attended CCU for at least 60 semester hours.

## UNIVERSITY HONORS

Candidates for a bachelor's degree wearing a mauve honor cord have earned University Honors. These students have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and have completed a maximum of 59 semester hours while attending Colorado Christian University.

## UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES RECOGNITION

Candidates who have served or who are currently serving in any of the five branches of the United States Armed Forces (including National Guard or Reserves) are entitled to wear a red, white, and blue recognition cord.

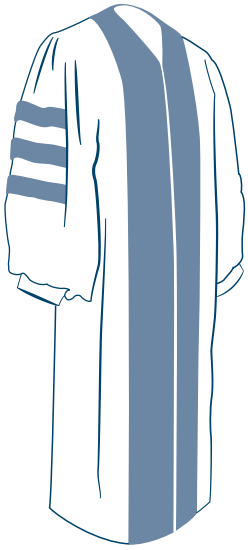
## HONOR SOCIETIES

Candidates wearing the following honor distinctions are part of one or more of the following honor societies:

- ***Alpha Sigma Lambda:***  
a society honoring adult undergraduate students – white stoles imprinted in gold and burgundy with the ASL script and shield
- ***Augustine:***  
a community of scholars exploring the works of leading thinkers from antiquity to the present – a twisted cord with two colors, scarlet and grey expressing Augustine's heart and intellectual stature
- ***Chi Sigma Iota:***  
an international honor society for professional counselors – a double strand of royal blue and white cords
- ***Kappa Delta Pi:***  
a national honor society in education – purple, light blue, and gold
- ***Lambda Pi Eta:***  
an international honor society in communication – red and white cords
- ***Omicron Delta Kappa:***  
national leadership honor society – white stoles embroidered with a gold key and Greek letters ΟΔΚ and light blue, black, and white cords
- ***Pi Kappa Lambda:***  
a national music honor society – gold and white cords
- ***Pi Lambda Theta:***  
a national honor society in education – gold cords
- ***Sigma Nu Tau:***  
a national entrepreneurship honor society – gold and hunter green
- ***Sigma Tau Delta:***  
an international English honor society – red and black cords
- ***Sigma Theta Tau:***  
an international honor society in nursing – purple and white cords
- ***Sigma Zeta:***  
a national science and mathematics honor society – gold ribbon with gold and blue ΣΖ medallion

# ACADEMIC REGALIA

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University officers, faculty members, and graduating students wear gowns, mortarboards, hoods, tams, and tassels that are traditional at the world's oldest universities.

Academic regalia dates back to European universities in the Middle Ages, when hoods and gowns were required for warmth in unheated buildings. In American universities of the late 19th century, these medieval costumes were revived to lend color to academic functions, with gowns of master's and doctorate degrees distinct from each other and from bachelor's degrees. Gowns are normally black, although some universities have designed their own to bear the color of the institution.

The master's gown has pointed sleeves slit at the elbows; the doctor's gown has wide lapels of velvet, either black or the color of the scholar's academic specialization. The hood drapes over the components of the academic costume. The master's hood is pointed; the doctor's hood is bell-shaped. The color of the border of the hood indicates the scholar's major field of study; the lining color or colors identify the institution that conferred the wearer's degree. The customary head covering is the Oxford cap or mortarboard, with a tassel of gold metallic threads.

Academic specializations present in the Commencement ceremony today are indicated by the following colors:

- Accounting – Drab
- Applied Apologetics – Scarlet
- Arts, Letters, and Humanities – White
- Business – Drab
- Business and Leadership – Drab
- Communication – Crimson
- Counseling and Guidance – Light Blue
- Criminal Justice – Navy Blue
- Cyber Security – Golden Yellow
- Divinity – Scarlet
- Divinity and Biblical Studies – Scarlet
- Economics – Copper
- Education – Light Blue
- Engineering – Orange
- Executive Christian Leadership – Scarlet
- Fine Arts – Brown
- Human Resources – Drab
- Law – Purple
- Library Science – Lemon
- Mathematics – Gold
- Music – Pink
- Nursing – Apricot
- Philosophy – Dark Blue
- Physical Science – Sage Green
- Physics – Gold
- Political Science – Dark Blue
- Psychology – Gold
- Public Administration – Peacock Blue
- Science – Golden Yellow
- Social Science – Citron
- Theology – Scarlet

# TRADITIONS OF CCU

## UNIVERSITY SEAL



The Colorado Christian University seal depicts our institution's core identity. The Word of God in the center is placed upon the Cross of Christ, which is laid upon the Shield of Faith. This Shield of Faith is surrounded by three Greek words which are translated "grace and truth," the University motto. The outer rings surrounding the Word, the Cross, and the Shield contain two elements:

the year 1914, when our oldest parent institution was founded, and our name, Colorado Christian University. The uppermost word on the seal is "Christian," which in one word captures all that we strive to be through God's power working in us.

## UNIVERSITY MEDALLION



The University medallion is worn by the president at Commencement and other academic ceremonies as part of his academic regalia, symbolizing the authority and responsibilities incumbent with the office. The brass medallion is of simple linked construction, with the University seal forming the medallion. Linking the chain above the seal is an ornament inscribed with the Latin words, *Soli Deo Gloria*, which means Glory To God Alone. The phrase reminds us of the biblical truth that all glory belongs to the Creator, not the created.

## UNIVERSITY HYMN

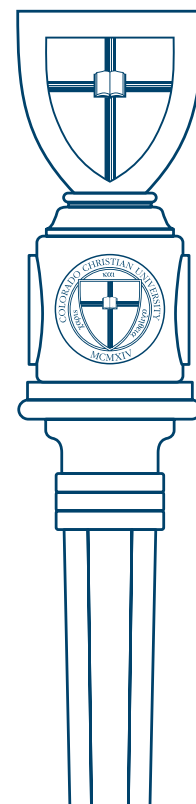
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" is the official hymn of Colorado Christian University. This jubilant melody, composed by Ludwig van Beethoven for his Ninth Symphony, together with the text by Henry van Dyke, is one of the most celebratory worship hymns in the church. The 2006 Commencement Ceremony marked the premiere performance of this setting for Wind Ensemble and Choir, commissioned especially for CCU and written by Taras Nahirniak, respected educator and composer.

## UNIVERSITY MACE

The Colorado Christian University mace is a ceremonial staff used as a symbol of the authority granted to the University to issue degrees. As an academic symbol, the mace dates back to 16th century England when, in 1589, Queen Elizabeth I presented a replica of her own royal mace to the University of Oxford to be used in all ceremonies to represent the royal presence and the authority granted to the University to issue degrees under the royal insignia.

Since that time, it has become customary for European and American colleges and universities to use ceremonial maces during academic exercises. The CCU mace is seen only at Convocation, Commencement, and honorary degree ceremonies. Protocol for using the mace requires that it be carried into the ceremony by the chief academic officer or another person selected for special recognition. During the ceremony, the mace is placed in a stand on the platform to indicate the ceremony is in formal session. At the conclusion, the mace is carried out to mark the completion of the ceremony.

The Colorado Christian University mace is carved from Colorado cherry wood and adorned with the University colors of gold and blue. The triangular head-piece is inlaid with a gold and blue rendering of the University shield. Below, each of the four sides carries a finely wrought engraving of the University seal. The wooden staff is bound at the intervals with nine gold rings inscribed with the names of the heritage institutions of Colorado Christian University, dating back to the founding of Denver Bible Institute in 1914.



# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

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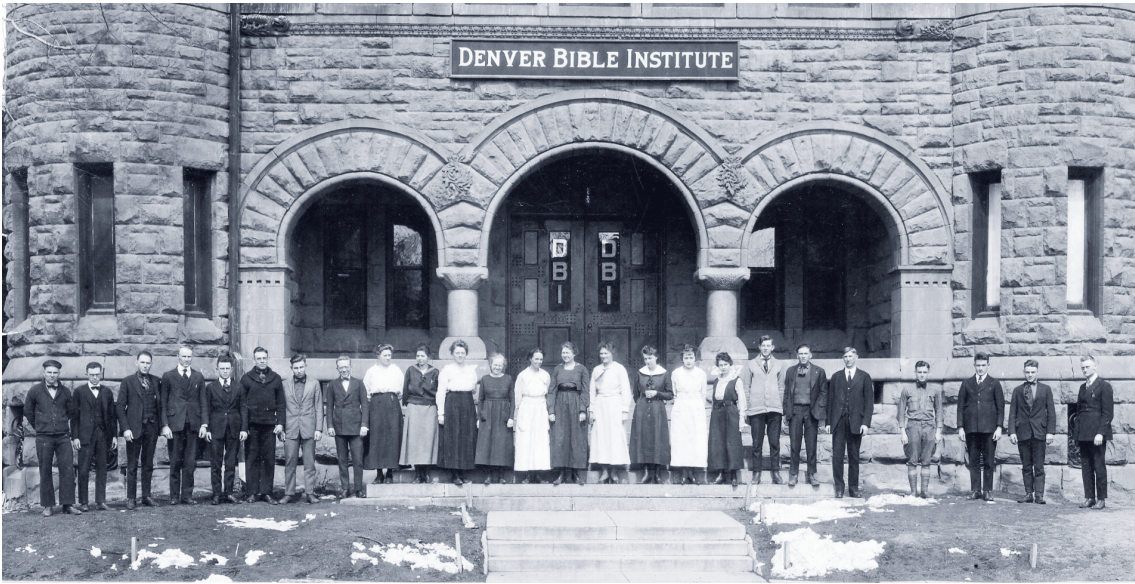
Colorado Christian University is located in Lakewood, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. Founded in 1914, CCU is the flagship Christian university in the Rocky Mountain region. A leader in higher education, the University is consistently ranked in the top two percent of colleges nationwide for its core curriculum by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni.

CCU offers undergraduate and graduate degrees for traditional and adult students through its College of Undergraduate Studies and College of Adult and Graduate Studies. More than 10,000 students attend the University on the main campus or online through CCU Online. In addition, over 6,000 high school students throughout the U.S. take dual credit and online dual enrollment courses through CCU Academy. CCU is an NCAA Division II university in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC).

Colorado Christian University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The University is also a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, the Council of Independent Colleges, and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

# UNIVERSITY HISTORY

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In 1914, Denver Bible Institute was founded on two principles: grace and truth. The first classes were comprised of only two students and one teacher, but from those modest beginnings, Colorado Christian University was born.

In 1945, Denver Bible Institute became Denver Bible College, a four-year college with three academic schools: the College of Liberal Arts, the Theological School, and the Bible Institute. Four years later, the school was renamed Rockmont College — around the same time that Western Bible Institute was founded.

It wasn't until the 1980s that significant change occurred again. The two schools merged in 1985, forming Colorado Christian College. By 1989, however, the need for a flagship Christian institution in Colorado was evident. Colorado Baptist University joined Colorado Christian College to form the institution we know today.

Colorado Christian University has more than 24,000 living alumni spread throughout all 50 states and several countries — scholars dedicated to integrating high-level academics with timeless faith. Throughout our history, Colorado Christian University has seen God's hand orchestrating each step in the journey, and we look toward the future with great anticipation for where He will lead us as the journey continues.



# UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIVES

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## MISSION

*Christ-centered higher education transforming students to impact the world with grace and truth.*

Colorado Christian University cultivates knowledge and love of God in a Christ-centered community of learners and scholars, with an enduring commitment to the integration of exemplary academics, spiritual formation, and engagement with the world. We envision graduates who think critically and creatively, lead with high ethical and professional standards, embody the character and compassion of Jesus Christ, treasure the gospel, and who thereby are prepared to impact the world in their callings.

### *Christ-centered community*

Our community of interdependent students, faculty, and staff seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ, who is present in Spirit and speaks in Scripture, in order to advance God's purposes in the lives of every member.

### *Exemplary academics*

Our undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral curriculum integrates faith and learning in a scholarly environment that fosters critical and creative thinking, academic excellence, and professional competence.

### *Spiritual formation*

Our academic and student development programs cultivate a deep and enduring faith that affirms the authority of Scripture and embraces Christ as the authentic center of life.

### *Engagement with the world*

Our students experience and engage the world in ways that prepare leaders to serve and transform their professions, churches, and communities.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Colorado Christian University unites with the broad, historic evangelical faith rather than affiliating with any specific denomination. In this commitment, the University embraces the following declarations of the National Association of Evangelicals:

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

# UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIVES

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These declarations do not comprise all that individual Christians may consider important elements of faith; rather, they establish the essential framework within which members of the University both unite in shared beliefs and explore differences.

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

Colorado Christian University's Strategic Priorities were adopted by the CCU Board of Trustees to serve as a guiding compass for the University. They direct the implementation of CCU's long-established mission and provide context for our first priority — an enduring commitment to Jesus Christ and His kingdom. The Strategic Priorities provide a point of convergence for every member of the CCU community and for every aspect of life at CCU, from how we teach and learn in the classroom to how we live with and serve others.

### ***Colorado Christian University shall:***

- Honor Christ and share the love of Christ on campus and around the world
- Teach students to trust the Bible, live holy lives, and be evangelists
- Be a magnet for outstanding students and prepare them for positions of significant leadership in the church, business, government, and professions by offering an excellent education in strategic disciplines
- Teach students how to learn
- Teach students how to think for themselves
- Teach students how to speak and write clearly and effectively
- Give students significant opportunities to serve our Lord while they are at CCU and to help them develop a lifetime habit of such service
- Impact our culture in support of traditional family values, sanctity of life, compassion for the poor, Biblical view of human nature, limited government, personal freedom, free markets, natural law, original intent of the Constitution, and Western civilization
- Be seekers of truth
- Debunk “spent ideas” and those who traffic in them
- Ask God to multiply our time and ability to the glory of His great name
- Be a servant of the Church
- BE a GREAT Christian university

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