ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT SET FOR MAY 5

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ATTACHED: The list of 2012 Candidates for Graduation at Rocky Mountain College with hometowns.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BILLINGS – Rocky Mountain College will hold its 130th Commencement, Saturday, May 5, 2012, at 1 p.m., in the Fortin Education Center.

RMC will graduate 206 students. The public is welcome to attend baccalaureate and commencement.

Baccalaureate will be celebrated on Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Poly Drive and 13th Street. The Rev. David Burt, Yellowstone Annual Conference District Superintendent, is the speaker. Burt is also chair of the RMC Institute for Peace Studies.

RMC alumnus Jim Anderson, who had a successful 32-year career in finance, will deliver the commencement address. The address, “The Miracle of Saving & Investing,” could not be more appropriate a lesson for college graduates, according to RMC President Michael Mace.

“In honoring Jim Anderson, we are honoring one of our own, who has made a unique and important investment in his alma mater, and whose wisdom in the classroom has made a great difference in the lives of our students and the life of the College,” said Mace.

Anderson will also be the recipient of an honorary doctorate of humane letters.


Thirty years later, the Andersons donated $100,000 to RMC to be used in an investment management class. Anderson was asked to teach that class in 1999. It allowed RMC students to learn about investing by using real money in the real market place, and success enriched the Rocky Mountain College Student Endowment Fund, established as a repository for earnings from investments.

“Linda and I felt it was a good way to give back something to a place that means a great deal to us,” Anderson said about their donation.

Before Anderson retired from teaching in 2010, the fund grew during good times and
weathered a couple of significant market downturns, earning a 7.63 percent compounded annual rate of return over the 10 years. By comparison, the benchmark Standard & Poor’s 500 stock index had only a 0.40 percent annual compounded rate of return over that same time period. The Rocky Mountain College Student Endowment Fund ended 2010 with a market value of $206,534.00. In addition, another $100,000.00 has been paid out mostly in the form of scholarships and other programs at RMC.

While Anderson retired from teaching, he and Linda are still active in RMC events. He volunteers at the Institute for Peace Studies. Anderson wrote an investment newsletter for 20 years, and he continues to send out essays on financial matters via email. "I've always enjoyed writing, and I like to think that I tell it like it is," Anderson said.

"I hope I can say straight forward what I think graduates need to know," he said of his commencement address.

Music at RMC’s Commencement will be performed by both the Rocky Mountain College Choir and the RMC Band. Half century graduates will be honored.

2012 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

**Honorary Baccalaureate Degree**

Jeffrey Dana Lindsey – Sturgis, N.D.

**Master of Accountancy**

Kelly Muir Carlson – Billings, Mont.
Karena Lee Ketchum – Billings, Mont.
Angela Stidham – Billings, Mont.
Andras Varhelyi – Budapest, Hungary
Stephanie Ann Walker – Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

**Master of Educational Leadership**

Nicholas Ryan Burgess – Ryegate, Mont.
Tyson David Byers – Billings, Mont.
Silas Elexious Counts, III – Hardin, Mont.
Jill Marie DuFloth – Powell, Wyo.
Thomas Matthew Gates – Anaconda, Mont.
Bradley John Gregorich – Big Timber, Mont.
Teresa McCue Harris – Winnett, Mont.
Don O. Holst – Missoula, Mont.
Carolyn R. Hopkins – Miles City, Mont.
John Eric Larsen – Whitehall, Mont.
Anne R. Lovett – Billings, Mont.
Laurel Main – Dayton, Wyo.
Cathy Faye Maloney – Silver Bow, Mont.
Jennifer Medicine Cloud – Wolf Point, Mont.
Amy Lynn Piazzola – Noxon, Mont.
Mohan Erek Raffety – Livingston, Mont.
Sonya Nicole Smoker – Frazer, Mont.
Tiana Lee Smoker – Frazer, Mont.

Master of Physician Assistant Studies

Carly Rie Ally – Chelmsford, Mass.
Danielle Rae Anderson – Turtle Lake, N.D.
Megan Joan Borgen – Brook Park, Minn.
Lillian D. Cannon – Gillette, Wyo.
Kayli Carmen Christophel – Scobey, Mont.
Patrick Andrew Dahl – Idaho Falls, Idaho
Kaley Anne Gadbois – Cottage Grove, Minn.
Kelly L. Garr – Dickinson, N.D.
Kellan Shenton Harris – Billings, Mont.
Kami E. Johnson – Hettinger, N.D.
Hayley Dawn Kemp – Salt Lake City, Utah
Jennifer A. Kern – Mosinee, Wis.
Jordan Levi Lalonde – Flandreau, S.D.
Julia Erin Marsik – Columbus, Wis.
Nathan D. Morgan – Layton, Utah
Shanna Olson – Hysham, Mont.
Frannie Ann Proffitt – Powell, Wyo.
Jared Stanley Reed – South Jordan, Utah
Ross William Reede – Spearfish, S.D.
Stephanie Brie Ridgway – Billings, Mont.
Kathleen Marie Speier – Asheville, N.C.
Kerry L. Strike – Cody, Wyo.
Ashley Patrice Tate – Sandpoint, Idaho
Eric Carl Vacco – Plainfield, Ill.
Ryan Dean Winkelhorst – West Bend, Iowa
Philip Nikolas Zaharas – Casper, Wyo.

Bachelor of Arts

*** Summa Cum Laude 3.8 – 4.0 GPA
** Magna Cum Laude 3.6 – 3.79 GPA
* Cum Laude 3.4 – 3.59 GPA

Cassie Lynn Albers – Billings, Mont.
Murphy Christine English Barrett – Auburn Hills, Mich.
Crista Marie Couture – Coeur d’Alene, Idaho
Kelsey Lee Dwyer*** - Olathe, Kan.
Callie Amber Eike – Billings, Mont.
Sara Jean Gailunas** - Falmouth, Mass.
Jennifer Wauneta Haas – Glendive, Mont.
Katherine K. Holland** - Belgrade, Mont.
Daniel Walter Johnson* - Billings, Mont.
David Patrick Keys – Los Alamos, N.M.
Rachel Currier McLain – Dade City, Fla.
Peter Fitzpatrick Morris – Redmond, Wash.
Tahani Ahna Dalrymple-Nelson – Mesa, Ariz.
Qin Qin – Urumuqi, China
Micaela Marie Scally – Billings, Mont.
Lauren Elizabeth Schmitz – Billings, Mont.
Shad Allen Scott – Billings, Mont.
Erika Dawn Mehling – Roundup, Mont.
Breanna Elise Todd** - Denton, Mont.
Erica Lorraine Wall*** - Billings, Mont.

Bachelor of Science

*** Summa Cum Laude 3.8 – 4.0 GPA
** Magna Cum Laude 3.6 – 3.79 GPA
* Cum Laude 3.4 – 3.59 GPA

Thomas Wayne Ackerman – Billings, Mont.
Brittany Lin Anderson – Randolph, N.Y.
Logan Robert Anderson – Rudyard, Mont.
Alicia Ann Askman – Arlington, Wash.
Eayoall Atsbeha – Bakersfield, Calif.
Anne Michelle Ayre* - Billings, Mont.
Jordan Andrew Baker – Scobey, Mont.
Bethany Sue Bappe*** - Riverton, Wyo.
Philip Wayne Barndt – Billings, Mont.
Kristin Cody Barott – West Richland, Wash.
David Allan Bierlein* - Forsyth, Mont.
Nevin Daniel Blankenship – Placerville, Calif.
Jillian Leigh Bostwick – Bridger, Mont.
Morgan Elizabeth Bowe – Livermore, Calif.
Sara Michelle Brunner* - Redcliff, Alberta, Canada
Brandy Diane Buford* - Dallas, Ore.
Carl Austin Butts – Gilbert, Ariz.
Megan Lona Cabe* - Chehalis, Wash.
Bryce Carich – Costa Mesa, Calif.
Harald Carlsson** - Karlstad, Sweden
Anthony Michael Carter – Chico, Calif.
Joshua Paul Christensen** - Eagle Grove, Iowa
Daniel Constantine Clitnovici* - Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia
Miranda Nicole Coffing – Albuquerque, N.M.
Sean Le Mar Coleman – Riverside, Calif.
Michael Cole Damrow** - Tomah, Wis.
Trevor Carl David – Eureka, Calif.
Taylor Christine Day* - Las Vegas, Nev.
Kelly Ann Donin** - Longmont, Colo.
Jamie Lee Elias – Billings, Mont.
Derek Vincent Enciso* - Douglas, Wyo.
Keturah Naomi Erickson – Billings, Mont.
Isa Floden** - Vemdal, Sweden
Kelli Dale French* - Malta, Mont.
Olle Friberg – Are, Sweden
Anne Christine Frickle – Billings, Mont.
Christopher Goutagny – Orang County, Calif.
Lindsay Nicole Jerry Gran – Billings, Mont.
Allison Lynne Grow** - Grandview, Wash.
Alexandra A. Guras – Breckenridge, Colo.
Bradley Justin Gwaltney – Wood River, Ill.
Brittany Ann Hamilton – Billings, Mont.
Tyler Curtin Hanson – Williston, N.D.
Whittney Danielle Hawk* - Silverton, Idaho
Robert Josef Hillyer – Highlands Ranch, Colo.
Chana Hodosh – Malibu, Calif.
Kayla Homewood*** - Columbus, Mont.
Rachel Marie Hosterman – Sierra Vista, Ariz.
Thane David Johnson – Billings, Mont.
Phillip R. Jolly – Billings, Mont.
Brittani Jones** - Billings, Mont.
Brian Charles Kelleher** - Shelby, Mont.
James Lee Kershaw – Seattle, Wash.
Kenneth Ketcham*** - La Conner, Wash.
Scott Edward Kitchen** - Powell, Wyo.
Charlie N. Knowlton* - Poplar, Mont.
Sarah Alisha Kreider – Snohomish, Wash.
Amy Katharine Laking – Annapolis, Md.
Brittany Zola Larsen* - Unalaska, Alaska
Christina Marie Lasater – Shepherd, Mont.
Jillian Dawn Lehnen – Billings, Mont.
Molly Kathryn Leonard – Fraser, Colo.
Andrew Robert Linquist** - Havre, Mont.
Patrick David Lowe* - Zillah, Wash.
Sharon A. McCave – Nye, Mont.
Bryn Christine McFerrin** - Great Falls, Mont.
Kelley Nicole McInelly*** - Billings, Mont.
Ian Campbell McKay – Whitefish, Mont.
Ashley Marie Meece – Sheridan, Wyo.
Shannon Marie Merrill – Buffalo, Mont.
Thomas Meyer* - Livingston, Mont.
Kentaro Mihyamoto*** - Ozu, Kumamoto, Japan
Christopher Jon Molen – Billings, Mont.
Jordan L. Mordhorst – Billings, Mont.
Travis Wayne Mummey*** - Laurel, Mont.
Dakotah Lynn Murphy – Custer, Mont.
Kenneth C. Mwanje – Billings, Mont.
Carsen Lloyd Myhre – Mahtomedi, Minn.
Sasha Rae Nafziger – Shoshoni, Wyo.
Matthew A. Neumann – Geyser, Mont.
Jessica A. Obritschkewitsch – Gresham, Ore.
Rebecca Elaine O'Dell – Sheridan, Wyo.
Paul Watson Palu – Seattle, Wash.
Katherine Ashley Patch* - Miles City, Mont.
Robin Allison Patrick*** - Hingham, Mont.
Paxton Patrick Paynter – Lake Stevens, Wash.
Chloe Pennisi – Livermore, Calif.
Jordan Bill Points – Bakersfield, Calif.
Connor Alvin Rakowski – Basalt, Colo.
Nathaniel Ray – Billings, Mont.
Matthew Willis Richardson** - Petaluma, Calif.
Nathaniel Richardson – Montclair, Calif.
Justin Earl Rife** - Billings, Mont.
Cody Rose – Billings, Mont.
Brooke L. Ruffier – Butte, Mont.
Katie Lee Sauvageau – Three Forks, Mont.
Michael Eugene Schilz** - Red Lodge, Mont.
Kayla Lynn Schlosser – Shepherd, Mont.
Reann Schultz*** - Billings, Mont.
Amy K. Scott – Geraldine, Mont.
Andrew O. Scott – Seattle, Wash.
William Arthur Scott*** - Billings, Mont.
Ronald L. Shanks, Jr. – Culbertson, Mont.
Benjamin Davis Sherman – Billings, Mont.
Morgan A. Smith* - Arvada, Colo.
Amy Elizabeth Sowell – Dallas, Texas
Greg Henry Spina* - Laurel, Mont.
Morgan Jeanette Sternhagen** - Helena, Mont.
Kylie Shay Stevenson – Sheridan, Wyo.
Jaren Del Stiles – Malta, Mont.
Misty Rae Stradtman – Ryegate, Mont.
Lacee Marie Streets** - Billings, Mont.
Erika Nicole Sturn – Billings, Mont.
Jake Norman Sundermann – Baltic, S.D.
Levi Hunter Sutton – Billings, Mont.
Megan Lynn Thees** - Lynnwood, Wash.
Trenton Paul Thelen – Billings, Mont.
Jacques A. Thibodeaus – Havre, Mont.
Darcy Emma Tobin – Plainfield, Mass.
Sarawati R. Tokurra-Ellsworth*** - Pahoa, Hawaii
Sergio Luis Trocha – Cartagena, Columbia
Phillip Michael Urlacher – Pasco, Wash.
Anthony R. VanDomelen** - Portland, Ore.
Emme Joanne Morris*** - Kirkland, Wash.
Amber Dawn Watson* - Coatesville, Ind.
Margaret Jean Weber** - Kouts, Ind.
Ashley Anne Welborn – Billings, Mont.
Alexander Kyle Welge – Denver, Colo.
Jeremy L. Whelchel* - Butte, Mont.
Korinne Deanna Wilkerson – Billings, Mont.
Lance Deane Yellowmule – Crow Agency, Mont.
Karilynn Jordan Yovetich* - Billings, Mont.

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