



ROCKY MOUNTAIN
COLLEGE

144th Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, April 25, 2026

2026 Commencement Ceremony Program

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Saturday, April 25, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Fortin Education Center Gymnasium

Academic Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	Edward Elgar
*National Anthem	<i>Star-Spangled Banner</i>	Francis Scott Key & Samuel Augustus Ward, performed by Concert Choir
*Invocation		Reverend Kim Woeste
Welcome		Board Chair Toby O'Rourke and President Robert J. Wilmouth, MD
*Alma Mater		Philip E. Turner – Herbert Hines, RMC president (1951-58), performed by Concert Choir
President's Cup Honorees	<i>Amber Balzer, Carter McCoy</i>	President Wilmouth
Conferring of Degrees		President Wilmouth, Provost Anthony Piltz, Academic Vice President Erin Reser, Director of Student Records Erica Johnson
President's Charge to Graduates		President Wilmouth
*Benediction		Reverend Kim Woeste
Recessional		

** All who are able, please stand.*

Please silence all cell phones. Please remain in the gymnasium until the closing processional is complete. Reception will immediately follow under the tent outside Fortin Education Center.

Concert Choir

Ella Fox
Gracie Smith
Julianna Demontigny
Kayla Brennan

Lauren Guenther
Lorien Schulthies
Quincee Sturgill

Jeremiah Van Skike, D.M.A.
Chamber Ensemble Director, Choir Director
Accompanist: Tiffany Holte

Rocky Mountain College Alma Mater

Music by Philip E. Turner – Words by Herbert Hines, RMC president, 1951-58
Performed by Concert Choir

'Neath the shadow of the Rimrocks
Stands a college firm and true,
Whose green and golden banners
Hail Montana's skies of blue.
Rocky Mountain, we all love thee,
Alma Mater of the West,
We raise our cry to glorify
The college we love best.

Thy traditions we all honor,
Thy fair campus we adore
In thine ivied walls we've tarried,
College of the Open Door.
Rocky Mountain, we all love thee,
Alma Mater of the West,
We raise our cry to glorify
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RMC Board of Trustees

Toby O'Rourke (Chair)
Tim Brocopp
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President's Cup Recipients

RMC faculty and academic leadership nominate the President's Cup recipients by voting for the graduating male and female senior they believe best represents RMC. The nominees' scholarship, leadership, and contributions to RMC and the greater community are taken into consideration. The recipients of the President's Cup Awards for 2026 are Amber Balzer and Carter McCoy.

Amber Balzer

Amber Balzer is a first-generation college student who grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming before moving to Billings during high school and graduating from West High. Amber fell in love with Rocky when she toured the campus during her senior year of high school four years ago. Through her coursework, she discovered her love for accounting, and decided to pursue the graduate program in Accountancy. Now, she will graduate with her Master of Accountancy degree, has a job in public accounting that she loves, and has begun the process of pursuing her CPA license. Alongside her Accountancy degree, Amber has earned a music minor with a focus on violin, and has discovered a passion for writing, which has led to two published works of fiction. She has grown into a leader through involvement with Cru Billings and Turning Point USA, and looks forward to using the skills she learned at Rocky in her life pursuits.

Carter McCoy

Carter McCoy is from Chehalis, Washington. He chose Rocky Mountain College because he felt it was a place where he could make a difference academically and athletically. As a captain of the Battlin' Bear Men's Basketball team, Carter was a 2026 2nd Team All-Conference honoree and Rocky's Champion of Character nominee, leading the Battlin' Bears to a Frontier Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championship, as well as a trip to the NAIA National Championship Elite Eight. In the classroom, he is a two-time Academic All-Conference honoree, a two-time NAIA Daktronics Scholar-Athlete, and was named Rocky's Male Student-Athlete of the Year. He will graduate with his degree in Business Administration at the conclusion of this year. Carter is a tireless worker and an elite leader. He demonstrates a positive spirit in the face of adversity and influences those around him to do the same.

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***Summa Cum Laude 3.80 - 4.00 GPA*

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2026 Graduates

Master of Educational Leadership

Melissa Giddis..... Miles City, MT Randi Rains Great Falls, MT
Matthew Krantz.....Helena, MT Sarah Wade.....Twin Bridges, MT
Rachel Ping.....Billings, MT Kylie Young..... Sidney, MT

Master of Accountancy

Amber Michelle Balzer***Δ Billings, MT Alana Leeann Jilek***Δ.....Billings, MT
Samantha Lynn FurneyΔ Pueblo West, CO

Bachelor of Arts

Sara Åkerström*Ostersund, Sweden Corinna MoriartySparta, NJ
Christopher Burkhardt*** ..Billings, MT Hunter Nixdorf**Billings, MT
Memory Nicole Cross *Alamosa, CO Camilla Nusbaum***Absarokee, MT
Julianna Demontigny**Billings, MT Joseph Orndorff..... Cody, WY
Megan Jackson**Billings, MT Gabriella Panzetta.. Burnaby, BC, Canada
Juanita Mae Anne Joseph... Lone Pine, CA Abigail Joan Petrucci... Crystal Lake, MT
Jillian Kempf*** Big Timber, MT Katalina Victoria Propst ..San Diego, CA
Audrey Klein**Billings, MT Breanna Reese***Billings, MT
Brenna Linse***Billings, MT Lauren Rodacker***Billings, MT
Andrew McMurtreyRedding, CA Megan Voegele**Billings, MT
Pamela Merrell** ◇Roundup, MT Nathan Wylie***Billings, MT

Bachelor of Science

Jacob Aaron.....Philipsburg, MT Kenzie BarkacBillings, MT
Cayana Adams**..... Wolf Point, MT Madison Barthelette.....Arlington, WA
Wallace Adams.....Juneau, AK Kylar Kenwood Bennett** ..Riverton, WY
John-Taylor Allen..... Kalispell, MT Andrea River Berg* Tok, AK
Harlie AndersonBillings, MT Jacob Berger* Spokane, WA
John AragonChino, CA Ava Bergstrom Winchester, MA
Tel Aune* Glasgow, MT Sierra Boggio* Red Lodge, MT
Meagan Noel Baham** ..Sweet Home, OR Eniah Boseman* Anchorage, AK
Addie Baker..... Park City, MT Peyton Bourke..... Gypsum, CO
Amber Balzer***ΔBillings, MT Kayla Brennan.....Billings, MT

Bachelor of Science

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Kristjan Burkelca	Domzale, Slovenia	Ashton Grewell	Billings, MT
Zachary Burnett*	Cypress, TX	James Vincent Hagg II**	Clay, NV
Alexandra Cassidy..	Calgary AB, Canada	Sarah Halferty	Helena, MT
Connor Chase***	Billings, MT	Savannah Harley*	Billings, MT
Sylas Christie**	Spanaway, WA	Alejandro Hernández IV	Boyle Heights, CA
Anna Cole*	Laurel, MT	Ruth Hesselbacher*	Meeteetse, WY
Tyler William Contreras.....	Molt, MT	Ronald Hills**	Colstrip, MT
Henry Cooke.....	Eureka, MT	Evan Jacobs***	Sebastopol, CA
Ryan Daniel**	Las Vegas, NV	Breana Jensen	Laurel, MT
Melinda Dahl**	Billings, MT	Alana Jilek***Δ	Billings, MT
Dylan Deines*	Billings, MT	Alexandra Jones.....	Scottsbluff, NE
Kellan Doheny	Dutton, MT	Laura Kellner*	Augsburg, Germany
Daniel Dominguez	Mission Viejo, CA	Kaycee Kern***	Billings, MT
Max Dorotik***	Brush Prairie, WA	Eve Kerr***	Mountain View, WY
Austin Drake	Hamilton, MT	Lorenzo Klamler	Graz, Austria
Sam Edmisten*	Bozeman, MT	Chad Kiernan.....	Billings, MT
Braydin Ellis***	Columbus, MT	Cole Kirchen	Billings, MT
Dominique Evans	Billings, MT	Synne Gaustad Kvinlog*** ..	Billings, MT
Rockford Etkorn	Burien, WA	Raegan Nicole Laird***	Corvallis, MT
Kayla Nicole Robinson	Everett ..Norco, CA	Aiden Lantis***	Billings, MT
Kashena Fanesy**	Billings, MT	Tori Lapierre**	Great Falls, MT
Daisy Fisher*** ..	White Sulphur Springs, MT	Kobe LaRocque***	Laurel, MT
Kadence Fischer**	Billings, MT	Emma Larson.....	Sheridan, WY
Kincade Nathan Flesch**	Laurel, MT	Elijah Lauver*	Billings, MT
Dylan Flatt**	Clyde Park, MT	Avery LeBlanc***	Billings, MT
Ella Fox	Mineral Point, WI	Emma Lensing***	Billings, MT
Cooper Frank.....	Edgar, MT	Chad Lindsay, Jr***	Lovell, WY
Lauryn Frideres***	Billings, MT	Eric Lira	Chandler, AZ
Tiffany Fuhrmann	Rapid City, SD	Alexander Loomis	Portola, CA
Brookelyn Fulton.....	Shepherd, MT	Alexander Lopez.....	Billings, MT
Samantha FurneyΔ.....	Pueblo West, CO	Kaden Loshonkohl*	Queen Creek, AZ
Maddox Gallia	Las Vegas, NV	Tiann Marie Lubkeman	Billings, MT
Patrick Gilbert***	Fairfax, VA	Jabari Madison Jr.	Saint Louis, MO
Justin Glass	Saint Louis, MS	Trenton Main	Fort Belknap, MT
Chance Goltz.....	Bridger, MT	Reid Malcolm**	Livingston, MT
Christian Gonzalez.....	Chino Hills, CA	Lacie Malsam***	Great Falls, MT
Robby Gress	Billings, MT	Laci Lee Maloney***	Turner, MT

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Burton Manning.....	Anchorage, AK	Hannah Rowe**.....	Lakeview, MI
Wyatt Tenney Manthey*.....	Kevin, MT	Evan Michael Ruff*.....	Billings, MT
Stevie (Anna) Mathews*.....	Kelso, WA	Asher Ruiz.....	Billings, MT
Carter McCoy**.....	Chehalis, WA	Haley Sannes*.....	Sisters, OR
Aidan McDonagh***.....	Melbourne, Australia	Colby Schmitt***.....	Spokane, WA
Marin McKee***.....	Medical Lake, WA	Rylie Schoenfeld*.....	East Helena, MT
Lillian Meigs*.....	Stevensville, MT	Nathan P. Schraeder***.....	Thompson Falls, MT
Pamela Merrell** ◇.....	Roundup, MT	Trinity Seefried***.....	Mackay, ID
Grace Metcalf*.....	Arlington, WA	Jared Anthony Smith.....	Las Vegas, NV
Paul Michael Miller.....	Littleton, CO	Braxen Spencer.....	Townsend, MT
William Mjelde*.....	Bergen, Norway	Kendal Stoll*.....	Great Falls, MT
Jessica Molter**.....	Campbelltown, PA	Andrew Strub.....	Colorado Springs, CO
Iliana L Moran*.....	Richland, WA	Quincee Sturgill*.....	Billings, MT
James Mozon III.....	Hayward, CA	Liam Sullivan***.....	Flagstaff, AZ
Dillon Mucha.....	Bend, OR	Corbyn Svec***.....	Billings, MT
Coyle Nagy***.....	Camas Prairie, MT	Finnley Tesoro.....	Three Forks, MT
Alden Nason*.....	Bozeman, MT	Jalen Thompson.....	Los Angeles, CA
Natalie Notbohm***.....	Miles City, MT	Rachel Thompson.....	Chandler, AZ
Liam Nowels.....	Newman Lake, WA	Kaydince Thomson**.....	Porterville, CA
Tyler Palm.....	West Covina, CA	Emma Tyler***.....	Palermo, ME
Kale Paslay*.....	Springfield, OR	Hannah Usher**.....	Laurel, MT
Maya Percy***.....	Columbus, WI	Logan Vargo**.....	Rossford, OH
Jae'Sean Pete.....	Portland, OR	Aiden Villareal.....	Arlington, WA
Seth Petsch.....	Billings, MT	Christian Waller.....	Billings, MT
Alexis Pitkin.....	Bismarck, ND	Kylie Waller.....	Billings, MT
Remington Porter***.....	Laurel, MT	Sheldon Watson.....	Reno, NV
Tyla Potgieter... ..	Johannesburg, South Africa	Daniel Brian Wescott.....	Pottersville, NY
Oivia Reifenberger**.....	Great Falls, MT	Alexander Williams.....	Glendive, MT
John Rentz.....	Billings, MT	Kallyn Wilkins.....	Condon, OR
Cade Reynolds***.....	Daphne, AL	Brooke Wirkkala**.....	Castle Rock, WA
Olivia Jean Ritter***.....	Billings, MT	Nolan Wilson.....	Henderson, NV
Takai Rosales-Kakiuchi... ..	Los Angeles, CA	Baylee Young*.....	Gig Harbor, WA

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