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Letter From the President



Dear Roadrunners,

Congratulations on earning your degree from Metropolitan State University of Denver! This momentous accomplishment demonstrates what you are capable of when you set a goal and work diligently through to the end. That’s cause for celebration.

I especially want to thank the family, friends and mentors who encouraged you on your academic journey and helped you get to where you are today. Please take the time to acknowledge those people who support you and remember to pay it forward now that you’re a college graduate.

You are part of an outstanding graduating class: more than 1,000 undergraduates and about 300 graduate students who are eligible to receive their degrees this May. You are all on your way to achieving great things in your communities and careers. I hope you’ll stay in touch with your alma mater so we can celebrate you again in the future.

At MSU Denver, we launch changemakers, skilled at turning ambition into achievement, building successful careers and participating in lifelong learning. Our students come from every background and experience, embodying the University’s unique spirit and inclusive environment. We have first-generation college students showing others what’s possible, veterans translating their leadership experience to the workforce and professionals changing directions in their careers.

Our mission is to meet students where they are and take them where they want to go. You may have taken a roundabout route to get here — nearly two-thirds of our graduates start college somewhere else — but you have a home at MSU Denver and graduate as a proud Roadrunner.

Today, you join a community of more than 113,000 alumni, nearly 75,000 of whom live and work right here in Colorado. And not just any alumni, but scientists working to cure cancer, legislators going to Congress, engineers building equipment to go to Mars, health care professionals saving lives, teachers educating future Roadrunners and many others who are at the very top of their fields.

Now that you’ve climbed this peak and earned your degree, I hope you’ll set your sights on your next summit and trek confidently. Though your path may take you through some valleys, you are well-equipped to succeed because you’re a Roadrunner. Best of luck!

Sincerely,

Janine Davidson, Ph.D.
President, MSU Denver

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Retirees

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Christopher Bechtold, B.S. '96

Janie Castles, B.A. '78

Douglas Clark, B.A. '83

Brady Cole, B.S. '23

Milton Cunningham, B.S. '92

Nolan Davis, B.S. '73

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Curtis Dotson, B.A. '70

Harold Franklin, B.S. '84

Dirk Howard, B.S. '76

Ward Huet, AAS '71

Cathleen Hurst, B.A. '08

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Ryan Plant, B.S. '04

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Toni Ricks, B.S. '01

Tonja Ridgeway, B.A. '91

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Academic Regalia



Academic attire is modeled after monks’ clothing from the Middle Ages, when college faculty and students were members of religious orders. In England, the faculty members of many colleges and universities still wear gowns, hoods and caps in the classroom.

In the early 20th century, colleges and universities throughout the world adopted guidelines for the design and colors of academic regalia. An institution may design and register special attire for its administrators and graduates, but it must conform to certain standards. Once registered, the design and color combination may not be duplicated by other institutions. The bachelor’s gown is most often black; however, ours is MSU Denver blue and has long sleeves that taper to a point in the back. It is always worn closed.

The gown signifying the master’s degree also is usually black; however, ours is MSU Denver blue. It features oblong sleeves that hang below the wrist, tapering to a square cut with a cutaway arc. It may be worn open or closed.

Although usually black, the doctoral gown is sometimes seen in colors — often gold, purple, blue or red. The opening of the gown is faced with velvet, and three velvet chevrons run across its bell-shaped sleeves. The velvet facing and chevrons may be black or the color representing the graduate’s field of study. The gown may be worn open or closed.

The hood varies in length and shape according to the degree it represents: The shortest and smallest signifies a bachelor’s degree, and the longest and widest signifies a doctoral degree. The velvet bordering the hood represents the graduate’s field of study. The satin lining of the hood, each a specific design, represents the college or university at which the individual earned his or her degree.

The oxford cap, or mortarboard as it is better known, completes the attire. Those holding graduate degrees usually wear black tassels on the oxford cap, but those holding doctoral degrees may wear tassels of gold thread and may also elect to wear a four-sided or eight-sided velvet tam instead of the oxford cap. Some universities have designated the Cambridge cap — a large, soft beret — for their administrators and those who have earned a doctoral degree at that institution.

At MSU Denver, bachelor’s candidates wear red tassels on the oxford cap and master’s candidates wear navy tassels. Master’s candidates wear a hood with the representative degree color.

In addition to her academic regalia, President Janine Davidson, Ph.D., wears the University’s medallion of office, a visible symbol of her authority as the institution’s leader.

Academic Colors

Master’s Degree Hood Colors

- Business (MBA, MPAcc) – Drab
- Cybersecurity (M.S.) – Gold
- Education (MAT) – Light blue
- Health (MHA) – Kelly green
- Human Nutrition and Dietetics (M.S.) – Gold
- Social Work (MSW) – Citron

Tassel Colors

- Master’s Degree – Navy
- Bachelor’s Degree – Red

Academic Distinction

You will notice graduation candidates who are wearing one or more cords, stoles or medallions of various colors or designs around the neck of their gowns to represent high academic achievement.

Academic Honors

- Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude
- Gold and blue cord

Honors Program

- Gray cord intertwined with blue and red; MSU Denver encourages students to enroll in and complete its Honors Program, an especially rigorous course of interdisciplinary study that complements their major and minor degree requirements.

Honor Societies

- Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society
 - Blue and gold cords, gold stole with the Greek letters APS and medallion with a blue and gold ribbon
- Eta Sigma Delta
 - Gold cords
- Iota Iota Iota (Women’s Studies)
 - Lavender cord; graduating officers also wear a medallion with a gold ribbon
- Lambda Pi Eta (Communications)
 - Red, white and gold cords
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
 - Maroon and gold cords
- Phi Alpha Epsilon Lambda (Social Work)
 - Blue and gold cords
- Phi Alpha Theta (History)
 - Red and light blue cords
- Psi Chi (Psychology)
 - Double intertwined cords of platinum and dark blue
- Sigma Alpha Pi (Leadership and Success)
 - Black and silver cords





Welcome to the
Roadrunner
Alumni
Association

Morning Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Ed Dwight



Ed Dwight's extraordinary career spans aviation, engineering, entrepreneurship and the arts, solidifying his legacy as an American trailblazer. His relentless pursuit of excellence has left an enduring impact across multiple fields.

Born in 1933 and raised in Kansas City, Kansas, Dwight joined the U.S. Air Force in 1953, becoming a military fighter pilot. While serving, he attended Arizona State University, graduating *cum laude* with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. In 1961, his determination caught the attention of President John F. Kennedy, who selected him as the first Black astronaut candidate. Although he was ultimately not chosen for NASA's astronaut corps, his groundbreaking role paved the way for future Black astronauts.

Upon leaving the Air Force in 1966, Dwight became a systems engineer at IBM and later founded a restaurant chain and a real estate development company in Denver. His career took a turn in 1974 when he was commissioned to create a sculpture of George Brown, Colorado's first Black lieutenant governor. This launched a prolific artistic journey, leading to his *Black Frontier Spirit in the American West* series, honoring African Americans' contributions to the West.

Over the past five decades, Dwight has become a world renowned sculptor of Black history. His body of work includes over 20,000 gallery pieces, displayed in museums and private collections worldwide. His public art legacy is impressive, with more than 130 large-scale monuments installed across the U.S. and Canada. His sculptures honor iconic figures such as the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. His celebrated series, *Jazz: An American Artform*, traces jazz from its African roots to legendary artists like Duke Ellington, Miles Davis and Ella Fitzgerald.

In 2024, at the age of 90, Dwight made history again, becoming the oldest person to travel to space aboard a Blue Origin rocket.

Ed Dwight's life story is that of an undeniable spirit — one that continues to break barriers, redefine possibilities and inspire generations.

Afternoon Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Navin Dimond



Copford Capital Management, LLC was founded by Navin Dimond. Named after his beloved boarding school in England, Copford is the home of Dimond's family business. Over 30 years ago, Navin and Rita Dimond co-founded Stonebridge Companies, a hotel-management enterprise with 160 hotels in its portfolio and over 5,000 employees. As founder and chairman, Navin Dimond leads corporate investments. Under his guidance, Stonebridge Companies has paved the way in hospitality management.

In honor of his achievements, Navin was the recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2007 and the prestigious Hilton Hotels Multi-Brand Developer of the Year Award. Additionally, he served as chairman of the Colorado Hotel and Lodging Association. In 2008, Navin was inducted into the Colorado Hotel and Lodging Association Hall of Fame. He earned his place in the Denver and Colorado Tourism Hall of Fame in 2015.

Education is paramount to Dimond. In 2014, in appreciation of the Dimonds' generous donation, Metropolitan State University of Denver named its hotel-management program after them. A portion of their contribution also went toward

establishing the Dimond Fellowship Program at MSU Denver, offering annual scholarships and internship opportunities to students. Equally noteworthy is the Dimonds' 2020 gift to the University of Denver, which facilitated the construction of a new freshman residence hall. A true steward of the city, Navin has served on the board of directors for Visit Denver as well as the board of trustees for the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

Navin is a graduate of Washington State University and the University of Denver, where he earned his MBA in Real Estate and Construction Management. He serves on the Washington State University Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture Executive Leadership Board, the Dean's Advisory Board — Cornell School of Hotel Administration and the board of trustees for the University of Denver. Navin also sits on the esteemed board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

The Dimonds have been married for 38 years. Both were born in England and are the proud parents of two daughters, Ashley and Sonja. Apart from his work, Navin enjoys traveling and spending time with his family.

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39, No. 1

Sir Edward Elgar
Boulder Brass
Michael Hengst, DMA

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Francis Scott Key

Morning Ceremony

Celine Lucienne, Soprano
Graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Vocal Performance, *Cum Laude*

Afternoon Ceremony

Celine Lucienne, Soprano
Graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Vocal Performance, *Cum Laude*

Call to Order, Welcome and
Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Janine Davidson, Ph.D., President, MSU Denver

MORNING CEREMONY

9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
College of Aerospace, Computing, Engineering, and Design
College of Business
College of Health and Human Sciences

Keynote Speaker

Ed Dwight, MFA
Sculptor and Astronaut

Introduction of the President’s Award Recipient

Hope Szypulski, Ph.D., Dean
College of Health and Human Sciences

President’s Award Recipient
Remarks from the Spring Class of 2025

Angie Petersen
Graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*

Alumni Charge

Brad Kaplan, ’82
Treasurer, Alumni Association Board of Directors

AFTERNOON CEREMONY

2:30–4:30 p.m.
College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
School of Education
School of Hospitality

Keynote Speaker

Navin Dimond, MBA, 2025 Marathon Award Recipient and
Former Foundation Board Member

Introduction of the Provost’s Award Recipient

Dan Lair, Ph.D., Senior Associate Dean
College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Provost’s Award Recipient
Remarks from the Spring Class of 2025

Hailey Glass
Graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

Alumni Charge

Jameer Fitch, ’20 and ’23
Vice President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Conferring of Master’s Degrees

Janine Davidson, Ph.D., President, MSU Denver
Matthew Makley, Ph.D., Interim Provost

Conferring of Bachelor’s Degrees

Janine Davidson, Ph.D., President, MSU Denver
Matthew Makley, Ph.D., Interim Provost

Morning Introduction of Candidates

Brandon Matthews, DMA, Chair of Music
Angelica Moreno, Ph.D., M.Ed.,
Assessment and Evaluation Manager for Student Affairs
Andrew Thangasamy, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science
Bradley Thompson, DMA, Professor of Music

Afternoon Introduction of Candidates

MB Krueger, M.M., Professor of Music
James Mejia, MBA, MPP, Chief Strategy Officer
Gene Roberts, M.M., Associate Professor of Music
Bradley Thompson, DMA, Professor of Music

Turning of the Tassel and Closing Remarks

Janine Davidson, Ph.D., President, MSU Denver

RECESSIONAL

Interpreters for those who are hearing-impaired: Michelle Gardner and Leora Rosenbaum. Closed captioning provided in the livestream by Visible Voices.

MORNING CEREMONY
9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

College of Aerospace, Computing, Engineering, and Design
College of Business
College of Health and Human Sciences

President’s Award Recipient: Angie Petersen



Long before Angie Petersen entered exam rooms and made clinical rounds, she knew she was meant to care for others.

“I just love being able to help people,” said Petersen, a student in Metropolitan State University of Denver’s accelerated Nursing program and spring 2025 recipient of the prestigious President’s Award. “It brings me joy and kind of keeps me afloat — it’s my self-care.”

Petersen’s path to nursing wasn’t easy. A middle-school teacher once told her she had no future in science. Later, she juggled homeschooling two children while pursuing her degree. Then came her husband’s diagnosis with a rare, fatal blood cancer — a life-altering challenge that tested her resilience.

When she discovered MSU Denver’s 17-month accelerated Nursing program, Petersen found more than just a fast track to a new career — she found her purpose. “Having that deeper connection with patients makes the difference,” she said.

Encouraged by one of her husband’s doctors, Petersen pursued the medical field with new determination. Even while navigating her husband’s complex treatment — including multiple hospitalizations and the stress of septic shock, the leading cause of death for those with her husband’s type of cancer — she excelled in the classroom and in clinicals.

Service has been a throughline in her life. She has volunteered at long-term-care facilities, organized nonprofit fundraisers and supported her family through 11 years of cancer treatment. “I’m realizing more and more this is my calling,” she said.

Faith, she added, has carried Petersen through the most difficult days. “I went from ‘How can I do this?’ to ‘How can I grow from this and help others?’” she said.

After graduation, Petersen hopes to continue her education. She is considering specialties such as oncology or hospice care. Whatever path she takes, she plans to lead with empathy.

“Because of my experience as a caretaker, I understand what my patients and their families are going through,” she said. “It’s humbling to be able to help on that deeper level.”

College of Aerospace, Computing, Engineering, and Design
Graduation Candidates Spring 2025

Bachelor’s Candidates

Advanced Manufacturing
Sciences Institute

Marco Antonacci
Christian Kirk Bohn
Tyler J. Cole
Gavin Charles Kubiak
Peter John McGrail
Gabriel Enrique Nemeth
Ethan Connor Schieck

Aviation and Aerospace Science

◆ Kyndel Jene Anderson
Thomas Leo Anselmi
Christian Wells Baker
Katrina Baker
◆ Andrew B. Balistreri
◆ Troy Connor Ball
◆ Victor Manuel Barrios
Sean Everett Bowser
◆ Adelaide Jane Britton
Cody M. Brown
Benjamin Scott Buell
Thomas John Buglewicz
◆◆◆ Avery Marie Buzard
◆ Brodie R. Cain
Coby Clay Campbell
◆ Diana Cano-Villela
Maria Elena Chamberlain
Paige Margaret Cluff
Aiyana Cooke
Aaron John Crawford
Chris W. Dunkle
◆ Sarah Rocio Dunn
Mark Joseph Duque
Jackson Scott Eastin
Alexander Lee Michael Edwards
Cooper D. Gates
◆◆◆ Matthew Scott Gedde
Aiden Michael Gilboy
Braeden T. Giltinan
◆ Cade Christopher Glowacki
◆◆◆ Misty Dawn Goff
◆◆◆ Kathia Gonzalez
Derek Russell Hadden
Brighton Dumond Hansford-Polk
Ryan Todd Harrington
Beau Landon Hebert
Joseph Daniel Hergert
Jose Hernandez Gonzalez
Henry Houck
◆◆ Grant F. Jones
Jasus Joseph
Jonas George Timothy Kavas
John C. Kellogg
James Mitchell Kriegbaum
Stefan Pierre Lopez
Sierra Skye MacMillan
Alexander S. Madden

Benjamin Phillip Mars
◆◆ Matthew Jameson McKnight
◆◆ Evan Brady Minckler
◆ Ashley McKala Morgan
Cassie Lynn Muncy
◆◆ Haley Linh Nguyen
◆ Tien K. Nguyen
Benjamin Forrest Patton
Wesley Robert Phillips
Jonathan Riley Powell
◆ Peyton Elizabeth Rose
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Erik Salgado Santillan
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Emma Kathryn Speshock
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Alexander Karl Trautmann
Cooper Bronx Turbek-Heal
Connor John Twist
Beckham Joseph Varcoe
◆◆ Nicholas Benjamin Vay
◆ Sacia Donielle Vieregge
◆◆ Vincent Villegas
◆ Nathan Ryan Walleen
Garrett Thomas Weston
◆ Levi Garrett Wood

Computer Sciences

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Master of Science in Clinical Behavioral Health

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- Alyssa Koehler
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- Emily Danielle Blumenshine
- ◆ Morgan Ashley Bradford
- ◆◆ Erika Brodnik
- ◆◆ Tammy Lynn Burtschi
- Gloria Maria Cabrera Davis
- ◆ Danielle M. Caho
- Karina Castaneda
- ◆◆◆ Veronica Cayetano Jimenez
- Elizabeth Ann Elliott
- Marc E. Elliott
- Alexa Garcia Moreno
- Raimok Baylul Haile
- Lindsey Napela Kaleialoha O’napali Heen
- Karla Claritza Hernandez
- Brendan James Kidnay-Rouse
- ◆◆◆ Katherine Summer Kim
- ◆ Ozoda Muzaffar qizi Lapasova
- Yvette Angelica Ledezma
- Gabriella Claudia Liberati
- Melany Victoria Marin Muñoz
- Angelica Elizabeth Marley
- DaVonne Ashley Martinez
- ◆◆◆ Kaitlyn H. Monnette
- Julianna Serina Montoya
- Jazmyn A. Moten
- Ngoclan T. Nguyen
- Quyen Nguyen
- ◆◆◆ Latonda L. Noble
- Jessica Lyn Parise
- ◆◆ Sasha Price
- Angela Victoria Quinteros
- Deanna Rhea Reynolds
- Erika Rivas Gutierrez
- ◆◆◆ Dayana Salazar Banuelos
- Emily Elizabeth Sirois
- Alexandra Soto Garcia
- Savannah Evelyn Spakes
- Thomas Storey
- ◆◆◆ Janae R. Strong
- Susan Poyneer Tousey
- ◆◆ Nikia Tucker
- Elizabeth Kim Ungaro
- Alana Mychelle Wagner Ulloa
- Renee Eboni Williams
- ◆◆◆ Jordan Winik
- Firan Wolde Shanbu
- Mailee Yang
- Pornpenn Younger

Human Services and Counseling

- Zach T. Adams
- Evelyn Areli Aguirre-Rodriguez
- Donovan Troy Alsosa
- ◆◆◆ Heather Anderson
- ◆ Mackenzie Jo Barrett
- Talia K. Contreras
- ◆◆ Hannah Rain Crowe
- Nathan Alexander Curtis
- ◆ Natacha Monica Dana
- Clarissa Diaz
- ◆ Dawn Angel E. Diaz
- Matthew Joseph DiManna
- Brian J. Good
- ◆ Amy Lynne Hedges
- ◆ Hilda Nicole Jimenez
- ◆ Alejandra Jimenez de Mendez
- Janeth Lopez
- Eryn Brook Lorberbaum
- Becky Lynn Madison
- ◆◆ Lillian Kathryn Malm
- Sareena Nae Martinez
- ◆◆◆ Kevin Alexander Matson
- Chad A. Powell
- Joel Rivera Ojeda
- Lorraine E. Seals-Williams
- ◆◆◆ Lavone Snyder
- ◆◆ Tarsha Stith
- Riley Emerson Tinkham
- Arianna Vela
- Dylan Mays Webber
- ◆◆◆ William Scott Wimmer
- ◆ SaVione Young
- Ruth A. Zamora

Nutrition

- Ghena F. Alsamain
- Goretti Calvo
- ◆◆ Shannon C. Dooley
- Victoria Makkiya Gonzalez
- Silvia Gonzalez Garcia
- Cassidy Rae Hinds
- Mckenzie Mieke Howard
- ◆◆ Jaylynn M. Jones
- ◆ Amara Kurmel
- ◆◆◆ Brenda Loya
- ◆ Raul A. Luna-Meraz
- Aeryal Alexa Olson
- ◆◆◆ Alexandra Joyce O’Rourke
- Emily Revelle
- ◆◆◆ Barbara Elizabeth Solis
- Christine Soto
- Sydney Sandra Vane
- Juan S. Vargas
- Ella Von Dungen
- ◆ Ricardo Yanez IV
- Eustice Zacher

Social Work

- Geoffrey Abel
- ◆◆◆ Zalma Natasha Acevedo
- ◆◆ Yubia Guadalupe Alvarez Guerrero
- ◆◆◆ Kendra Angels
- ◆ Monica Marie Archambault
- ◆◆◆ Stacie J. Arney
- ◆◆ Rhett “Rey” G. Arreola-Booth
- ◆◆ Chrishawna Rae Atnip
- Pricilla Anahi Banuelos
- ◆ Mireya Alexis Barrientos
- ◆◆ Alexandra Beatovic
- ◆ Meghan Brasa
- Quiyavae Shawbri Marce Brewer
- Leslie Cano
- ◆◆ Casandra Cardenas
- Maria Concepcion Casillas
- ◆◆ Daniela Estefanie Cerda Davila
- ◆◆ Aiden Joshua Chase
- ◆ Rebecca Taylor Christopher
- Natalie Maureen Collier
- ◆ Karina Compean Legarreta
- Alexandra Contreras-Ocon
- ◆◆ Jeni Crosson
- Lesly Rubi Cruz Hernandez
- Katy Michele Daniels
- Linda Guisel Delgado Flores
- Caitlyn Fay Deutsch
- Leslie Diaz Arias
- ◆◆◆ Enya DiPasquale
- ◆ Kyla R. Dominguez
- Alyson Vyktoria Doty
- Ranah Elmi
- ◆◆ Cailyn Grace Eveland
- Cara N. Fratanuono
- Lucas James Gadbury
- Desirae Charlene Garcia
- ◆ Vanessa Garcia Quezada
- ◆◆◆ Tanner Uldis Green
- Kimberly Griffin-Murray
- ◆ Naomi Gudino
- ◆◆◆ Chelsea Lynn Ihle
- Hannah Taylor Jensen
- Ishamina T. Johnson
- ◆◆◆ Carilynn Marie Johnston
- ◆ Max Karpinski
- ◆◆◆ Melody Lea Kreml
- Aisha Leo Anaya
- Brianna Leon
- Isai Lozano
- ◆ Cassandra K. Maloney
- ◆ Deanna Martin
- ◆◆◆ Arthur Che Martinez
- ◆ Keelie McIntosh
- Nicholas A. Medina
- Adrian Medrano
- ◆◆ Juan Carlos Mejia Arzaga

AFTERNOON CEREMONY
2:30–4:30 p.m.

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
School of Education
School of Hospitality

Provost’s Award Recipient: Hailey Glass



For Metropolitan State University of Denver student Hailey Glass, being a changemaker is about action, empathy and small steps that lead to meaningful impact.

Glass, a Political Science major with a Legal Studies minor and the spring 2025 recipient of the Provost’s Award, has been advocating for others since elementary school. But when she arrived at MSU Denver, she began questioning the effectiveness of her leadership.

“I was involved and doing things, but I wasn’t getting anything done,” she said. The loss of a close cousin deepened her frustration and inspired her to join the University’s Urban Leadership Program. There, she encountered a phrase that reshaped her outlook: “It is not enough to be an ally; you must be a co-conspirator.”

“That really changed my life,” she said. “Before, I didn’t understand what true advocacy looked like. It’s about working alongside people, not just telling them what they need.”

Glass threw herself into service and campus leadership, volunteering with Indigenous women in Guatemala, participating in student government and rebranding the

sustainability committee to focus on both environmental issues and student needs such as food and housing.

Among her proudest accomplishments are organizing free grocery and blanket distributions, supporting immigrant students through legal consultations and helping to promote MSU Denver’s Know Your Rights initiative.

A first-generation college student from a low-income background, Glass worked full time while balancing academics and service. She says her experiences have helped her connect more deeply with the University community.

“It was a breath of fresh air to come to MSU Denver and realize there are so many people like me,” she said.

After graduation, Glass plans to attend law school, possibly focusing on environmental law. But she’ll carry her lessons in advocacy no matter what path she takes.

“Change isn’t always a huge movement,” she said. “If I can make one person feel seen or supported, that’s making change.”

- ◆◆◆ Cassandra Marie Moores
- ◆◆ Jennifer M. Morrison
- ◆◆◆ Brigitte Mulamba
- ◆◆◆ Jennifer Muñoz
- ◆◆◆ Lindsey Roth Kasch Murphy
 - ◆ Jeysel Orellana Perez
 - Amber Ortega
 - Miranda Rae Ortivez
- ◆◆◆ Emily Otero
 - ◆◆ Macie Sara Pallis
 - ◆ Justene Reimonenq-Hampton
 - Korey Jordan Reliford
 - ◆◆ Tiffany Callah Rep
 - Benjamin Ray Roby
 - Adriana Rodriguez-Salazar
- ◆◆◆ Natalee Wilder Rowley
- ◆◆◆ Tashanya Acacia Rumley
- ◆◆◆ Kristen Noel Sanders
 - Mindy Sandoval
 - ◆◆ Lisa Maria Shaw
- ◆◆◆ Avery Elizabeth Shelite
 - Mariana Simon-Lopez
- ◆◆◆ Joshua Scot Smith
- ◆◆◆ Lauren Elizabeth Smith
 - Cerah Lee Stevenson
 - Jasmine Elyse Tesfazion
 - Katie Ann Thompson
- ◆◆◆ Michelle Valenzuela Jimenez
 - Karely Varela
- ◆◆◆ Alexa Vertin
 - Jennifer Cohig Ward Goetz
 - ◆◆ Rachel E. Warren
 - Conner Zamora
 - ◆◆ Laura Baer Zelenka

Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences

- ◆ Tessa Antista
- ◆◆◆ Rachel Marie Hahn Baiyor
 - Madeline Pilar Carela
 - Michaela De klerk
- ◆◆◆ Eliana Duka
 - ◆◆ Jaclyn Gutierrez
- ◆◆◆ Rebecca Harrell
- ◆◆◆ Nikola Katarzyna Skurzok
 - ◆ Mary Isabel Toribio
 - Evelin Vera Alba

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Bachelor’s Candidates

Art

- ◆◆ Ruth Sarahi Alvarez Luna
 - ❖ Renata Ayoub
- ◆ Stephanie Blanco
 - Ezekiel D. Bower
- ◆ Caroline Anne Boyd
- ◆ Samuel George Brown
 - Ryan Lee Dorman
- ◆ Kiersten Elizabeth Downing
- ◆◆◆ Bridget Eileen Ebert
 - Yomi S. Fadeyi
- ◆◆ Jocelynne Farfan Zamudio
 - Brandan Tyler Slightly Forman
 - Kieran R. Gochenour
 - Noe Oseas Gonzales
- ◆◆◆ Carley Madison Grahek
 - ◆ Giovanni Gurrola
 - ◆ Paul Anthony Guzman-Raygoza
 - Andrew Zhang Hale
 - Sheridan Paige Hird
 - ❖ Maya Grace Julien-Schlumbohm
- ◆◆◆ Katelin Rose Knudsen
 - Haylie Storme Kouri
 - ◆ Kyle Kramer
 - ◆ Cesar Landeros
 - ◆ Alijah Joseph Makley
 - Laura Isabel Molina Rodriguez
- ◆◆ Jessica L. Morcom
 - Hoa Duc Nguyen
 - ◆ Cassidy Pangell
- ◆◆◆+ Maya Peterson
 - ◆◆ Italu Mariela Ramos Hernandez
 - Sarah Rothschild
 - ◆ Tiffany Danae Rubio
 - ❖ Brittany Anne Ruland
 - ❖ Malia M. Spencer
- ◆◆◆ Ashley Rainier Street
- ◆◆ Taylor David Trujillo
- ◆◆ Barbara G. Uzcategui Luna

Biology

- ◆ Medina Seid Adem
 - Rosha Adhikari
 - Mehdi Adibi
 - Ghena F. Alsamain
- ◆ Zainab Alzubaidi
 - Tasia Amaral
 - Riley Cynthia Anderson
 - Christa Lynn B. Arellano
 - Madina Arman
 - Daniel Balderrama Porras
 - Ambrielle Kay Beer
 - Rebecca Mae Bentley
 - Sarah Anne Blair
 - Liyah Bruin
 - Yessenia Isabel Bueno
 - Charlotte RosaLee Campbell
 - Elizabeth Chaparro
 - Jorge William Cortes, Jr.
 - Chalan L. Day
 - Jacob David Diaz
 - Jesus Domingo
 - Callie Ann Earles
 - Emily Ann Farmer
- ◆ Avanlee Anne Flaig
 - Kelly Frances Fox
- ◆ Autumn Grace Gilmore
 - Allison Christina Glaspey
 - Delaney Katherine Good
 - Shelby Jadzia Grebenc
 - Lindsey Stotz Gullekson
 - Mahad Said Haji
 - Michaela Harman
 - April D. Harris
- ◆◆◆ Mia Xian Lin Harris
 - ◆ Cassidy R. Hartmann
 - Madison Hepplewhite
- ◆◆ Phuoc Thien Huynh
 - Austin David Kane
 - Aryanna E. Kemler
 - Jenna Rose Laird
 - Jason Michael Lawler
 - Jonathan Alexander Lee
 - Adamari Lopez Ramirez
 - Rhylan Ann Mason
- ◆ Emi Joy Matalon
 - Grace Ella Mathews
 - Joanna Mendoza
 - Mia Annalisa Miller
 - Saul E. Munoz
 - Michelle Negron
 - Anastasia D. Nesterenko
- ◆◆◆ Huy Nguyen
 - Taryn O'Brien

- Alejandra Ortiz
 - ◆ Emilee A. Ovind
 - Danielle Olivia Parrish
- ◆◆◆ Kelly Anderson Penley
 - Vania Daniela Prado Sanchez
 - Edgar D. Provencio
 - Megan Charlotte Raad
 - Audrey Jane Reed
 - Jacqueline Rodriguez-Vazquez
 - Yailenne Rodriguez
 - Caitlyn L. Roepenack
 - Medina Susan Safi
 - Ashley Marie Simmons
- ◆◆◆ Eva Smoot
 - ◆ Jordan States
 - Drew L. Steinheimer
 - Carlyn Rae Tan
 - MaiChou Vang
 - ◆ Jack Logan Vaughn
 - Yadira Anaita Venegas-Sanchez
 - Savannah Verner
 - Candice Tamiqua Villegas
 - Laura Xochitl Visoso Ibarra
- ◆◆ Rebecca Sue Weber
 - Kiera Lynn Willford
- ◆◆◆ Isabella Young
 - Rachel Elizabeth Zalewski

Chemistry and Biochemistry

- Brittany Taylor Arriza
 - ◆ Tristan Matthew Bunting
 - Kimberly Anai Carreon Gonzalez
- ◆ Grayson Douglas Cobb
 - Miranda A. Flynn
 - Jeremiah I. Gross
 - Gage Christain Leach
- ◆ Arielle A. Maes
- ◆ Kaitlyn O. Mares
 - Steven Mendoza
 - Stephanie Flor Molina
- ◆ Adam M. Nicks
- ◆◆ Christabel Korkor Ofori
- ◆◆ Grace Isabella Servia
 - Allison Stancato
- ◆ Katarzina Tetamore
 - Reece Jackson Tilgner
 - Raymond Joseph Troch
 - Fernando Jose Urrutia Zamora
 - Bridget LaTrell Villegas

Chicana/o Studies

- ❖ Lenny Anguiano Nielsen
 - Elizabeth Phenique Reyes
 - Larissa Ann Tolbert

Communication Studies

- Tyren D. Atencio
 - Jason Daniel Buchtel
- ◆◆◆ Elena Chynoweth
- ◆◆◆ Katheleen Renee Conte
 - Danielle Kelly Cordova
 - Brittany Marie Cox
- ◆◆◆ Kathryn Rose Glazer
 - Wayne Hyde
 - McKenna Grayce King
 - Paula Stephanie Lipkind
 - Emily Noble Mahon
 - Hansel Menchaca
- ◆◆◆ Angela Rebecca Merlano
 - ◆ Mikayla M. Mitchell
 - Taryn Amaya Parks
- ◆ Kai Wolf Petersen
 - Kiley-Emie Pierce
 - Cameron Elizabeth Ripp
 - Tanner J. Sanders
- ◆◆◆ Conrad Adam Schenck
- ◆◆◆ Caylee Lynn Steenbock
 - ◆ Brandi R. Thomas
 - Natsue Torres Avila
 - Jarely Trevizo
 - Emily Valenzuela Cabriaes
 - CwjMem Goldwin Max Phoenix Vang

Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

- Caitlin Lou Bishop
 - Marissa Sophie Bruno
 - Carlos Alejandro Cosio
 - Becca Dawson-Velasco
- ◆ Peter Ferraro
 - Autumn Lorrel Fraser
 - Baudelio Juarez Gardea
- ◆ Haley Marie Kreutz
 - Lucas Peter LaBrash
 - Jordan Nicholas Lestenkof
- ◆ Amanda Mae Lynch
 - Elizabeth Joy Mathews
 - Siavash Matinnejad-Tehrani
 - Stephanie Roise McGavran
 - Eric J. Mortl
- ❖ Leah Madison Nickels
 - ◆ Andrew Fisher Paolini
 - ◆ Gabrielle Claire Pulliam
 - Eric Alan Rojas
- ◆◆◆ Scott N. Sheldon
 - Benjamin Doyle Siemens
 - ◆ Emily Qiao Wei Straut
- ◆◆◆ Cole Samuel Wiley
 - Aaron Thomas Wulfig
 - Jennifer Zaragoza
 - Graham Steven Zephirin

English

- Richard Fernandez Aaronson
 - India Ali
- ❖ Antonio Eduardo Barajas
- ◆◆ Mary Elizabeth Block
- ❖ Faith Carla Bradley
 - Symonne Burkart
- ◆ Angel David Castillo
 - Jerimiah Lewis Easley
 - Kassandra Rocio Escoto
- ◆ Charlize Kalani Everhart
 - Ashley Marie Ewing
- ◆◆◆ Kristina Dawn Greenwalt
 - Avien Hanson Howell
- ◆◆◆ Kirstie Elizabeth June
 - Zackary Steven Lancaster
 - Lalli Lassegard
 - Allison Deborah Levine
 - ◆ Megan Irene McDonald
 - Skylynn McDowell
 - Matthew Ryan Mettauer
 - Riley Patrick Nix
 - ❖ Mabel Eunice Perez Ruiz
- ◆◆◆ Ross Kauakea Portlock
 - Vivian C. Rios
 - Natalya Katrina Sanchez
- ❖ Krista A. Shea
 - ◆ Mary Liadan Decker Sullivan
 - Isabella R. Weiss
 - Alyssa Christine Williams
- ❖ Rae'kwon G. Willis
- ◆◆ Kate Tyler Winborne
 - Noah Aaron Wojtak
- ◆◆◆ Tiffany Hymin Woo
 - ◆ Lauren Nicole Wood

Gender Institute for Teaching and Advocacy

- Jean Michael Crawford
- ◆◆ Alexa Fontes
 - Desirree B. Gamino
 - Julianne Elizabeth Martel Keller
- ◆◆◆ Joelle Tori Maslak
 - Madison Hailey Troudt
- ◆◆ Sara M. Vang
 - Veronica Zepeda

History

- Austin Grant Aja
 - ❖ Aeddan Appling
 - Richard C. Balbag
 - Amelia Madison Blackwell
- ◆ Cailyn Brasa
- ◆◆❖ Victor Miguel Castro
 - Theron Day Chagollan
 - Kyla Rae Clark
 - ❖ Jennifer K. Dandy

- Paden Miles Dybedal
 - Grayson Benjamin Maxwell Evans
 - Julia Maria Gish
 - Colton William Grove
- ❖ Jonathan Brett Hagge
 - Heidi Kif Herman
- ◆◆ Thomas Richard Howard
 - Kyle M. Jukola
 - Jonathan Alan Lanning
- ◆ Jennifer Lopez
- ◆ Luke T. Raymond Lopez
 - Amber Lovett
 - Grace Ella Mathews
 - Tyler Joseph Gabriel McHugh
 - Jordan Jurgis Melvin
- ◆ Victor Montejano
 - Tobias James Mullarkey
 - Brienne E. Qualls
- ◆◆ Leah Marie Reinhardt
 - Bobby James Schum
 - Thomas Storey
- ◆◆◆ Brendan Martin Straut
 - ❖ Alex Michael Tapparo
 - Hannah Geneva Vitry

Individualized Degree Program

- ◆◆◆ Natalie Diane Aragonez
- ◆◆ Joel Thomas Barwinski
- ◆◆◆ Lorien Dancer
 - Megan Margaret Dearman
 - Marina Douglas
 - Nicholas Burnet Gaye
 - Christian Dean Golberg
- ◆◆◆ Casey Burke Johnston
 - ◆ Alta Rose Kaster
 - Tyler J. Loven
 - Nayeli Lynch-Bolanos
 - Sean Mahoney
 - Scarlet Molock
 - Samantha Belle Mondragon
- ◆◆◆ Steven Dat Nguyen
 - Michael Lee Nienaber II
 - Laura Perez
 - Diana Popic
 - Tamarra Justice Pratt
 - Jessica Kay Quinn
 - ◆ Tyler James Wilson Ransom
- ◆◆◆ Maria Danielle Reeves
 - Angela Ricciotti
 - Morgan A. Shepard
 - Audrey Sillstrop
 - Brandt Christopher Alejano Steele
 - Mikayla (Vee) Lorraine Thomas
 - Kaitlin Danielle Van Sickle
- ◆◆ Eric Weisbart
 - Ella Carolynn Wilson
 - ◆ Oumaima Zaidi

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◆◆◆ Jasmine I. Joel	◆◆◆ Eleanor Grace Rapoport Anastasia Nichole Reffitt Zipporah Lee Richardson Samanta Rico Chavez Raven Simone Mankand Robertson Sylvia L. Rocha Lluvia Saenz Victoria Mary Salvato	
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◆◆◆ Teresa Jane Long Enniss Y. Lumbreras Heather R. Maddy Britney Ariadna Magaña Urtiz	◆◆◆ Julia Lakelyn Sickrey Romeo D. Sloan	
◆◆ Diego Sebastian Maldonado Lopez Bryn Ann Markey Alicia Mae Lynn Martinez	◆◆ Chelsea Marie Smith ◆ Grace A. Solarin Nancy Soto Lyndsay Lanae Sparks Peyton K. Sprung Julia C. Stanton Alexandria Ann Stephens Angela Tasto	
◆◆ Brandon Martinez MarieLena Eloisa Martinez	◆ Sophie Anne Tessier Eleanore Jane Thayer Reese Sebastian Thomsen Madison Hailey Troudt Janine Racquel Turner Chance Hunter Hayes Ugarte Gerardo Venzor	
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Maria Gabriela Garcia
Julissa S. Garcia Corral
James Aaron Middleton
Joshua Louis Sharp

Destiny Raquel Cobb
Penni M. Cochrane
❖ Alexander James Crowe
❖ Ryan Brant Foreman
Edward Harold Gabrielsen IV
Carol Kendra Gillespie-Tomczyk
Meredith A. Graham
Rosemary K. Gray
Elle Katherine Hickman
Spencer Nicole LaPorte
Alec James Lobato
Lisa Jean Mahler
Victoria Mares
Kalina Moss
Douglas Alan Mountford
Arlette Josianne Ngo Mbagu
Joya M. Postlewait

Lisa Puricelli
Camden Joel Roach
Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez Malagon
Tiffany Marie Rogers
Stacie L. Root
❖ Patricia J. Saldarriaga
❖ Sarah Catherine Scargall
❖ Jaidyn Ashley Seal
Carter Pax Smith
Kristina Stafford
Carrisa Alise Torres
Alberto Idacio Vargas
Sarah Walford
Tanya Ann Whitteker
Jessica R. Williams
❖ Chengcheng Yin

Master of Teaching

Jonathan P. Baker
Nathan Glenn Barrows
❖ Christie Renee Beal
David J. Berg
Megan M. Billinger
Mikenzie Bowman
❖ Benjamin Ira Bruskin
Magdalena Casillas
Amber Lynn Chapman

Bachelor’s Candidates

Elementary Education and Literacy

♦♦❖ Emma Nicole Aldridge
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