

BY THE NUMBERS

52.9%

NO. 1 GRADUATION RATE

For four straight years and seven of the last ten years, Colby Community College had the highest first-year, first-time graduation rate among all 19 Kansas community colleges.



71.1%

NO. 1 RETENTION RATE

Retention is measured by the number of first-time, full-time degree-seeking students attending an institution for the fall semester and returning for the following fall semester.



14.91%

ENROLLMENT

Since 2015, Colby Community College is the only Kansas community college to grow in headcount.



SIXTIETH COMMENCEMENT

May 16, 2025
Colby Event Center



Scan the code to access this program online. The video archive of today's commencement will be posted in a few days.



Open Spaces Sports is streaming our commencement.



Audio support is provided by MC Entertainment.

Thank you for attending today's celebration. Out of respect for others, please refrain from using air horns when your graduate's name is announced. Excessive and prolonged noise prevents other names from being heard.

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Recipients of the Tangeman Award for Teaching Excellence

1988	Dr. Max Pickerill	2007	Carolyn May
1989	Joyce Hansen	2008	Dr. Max Pickerill
1990	Cyril Leiker	2009	Allen Russell
1991	Victor Oelke	2010	Dr. Jennifer Martin
1992	Larry Koon	2011	Pat Ziegelmeier
1993	Dr. Philip Shuman	2012	Jean Ann Wilson
1994	Roger Hale	2013	John Olson
1995	Juliann Groom	2014	Deb Bickner
1996	Nick Wells	2015	Brad Bennett
1997	Kirk Hunter	2016	Pat Erickson
1998	Pat Erickson	2017	Rebel Mahieu
1999	Steve Lampe	2018	Bobette Maier
2000	Joan Jilka	2019	Crystal Pounds
2001	Tom Moorhous	2020	Shanda Mattix
2002	Sandy Harper	2021	Jori Steele
2003	Bob Selby	2022	Dr. Jeffrey Sekavec
2004	Vernon Wranosky	2023	Brad Griffith
2005	Krista Carter	2024	Krista Carter
2006	Carol Barnes		

2025 Phi Theta Kappa Graduates

Graduates wearing gold and blue cords are members of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community colleges. PTK officers are also wearing medallions.

Amia Alexander-Sims, Sophie Bennett, Ruth Bose, Anabel Cano, Alma Cordova, Paige Degood, Kylee Hahn, Denise Haynes, Catherine Hodges, Lillian Hoft, Rileigh Holcomb, Alexis Holling, Boglárka Szonja Kiss, Caroline Mclean, Tiffani Mein, Jenna Milford, Rhealie Rittgers, Noah Rodgers, Bryan Smotherman, Becki Sporing, Kymber Stinson, Mckenzie Tremblay, Arthur Turley, Nyeli Urrutia, Allyson Waters, Quincee Weaver.

Honorary Associate Degree Recipients

1986 Helen Frahm	2007 Don Kready
1987 Don Phillips	2008 Joe Mildrexler
1988 Jimmy Nickel	2009 Dr. Floyd & Mary Smith
1989 Don Crumbaker	2010 Bruce and Cleona Flipse
1990 Marilyn Donelan	2011 Gracemary Melvin
1991 Bill Beck	2012 Dr. Richard Mosier
1992 Les Barrett	2013 Roger Hale
1993 Al & Ruth Lowenthal	2014 Lou Kersenbrock
1994 Charles Schiefen	2015 Dr. Larry & Joyce Washburn
1995 Gwen Young	2016 Jan Wolf
1996 Warren Hixson	2017 Charles & Debbie Schwanke
1997 Betty Secrest	2018 Dr. Tom and Nancy Barlow
1998 Jack & Betty Fitzsimmons	2019 Sue Draper
1999 George Elliott	2020 Arlen Leiker
2000 Charles Davis	2021 Rich and Judy Epp
2001 Max Embree	2022 Eugene & Kathy Robert
2002 David & Lois Ferguson	2023 Mark & Wendy Weishaar
2003 Matt Hamill	2024 Mark Winger
2004 Kenton & Sheila Krehbiel	2025 Gary Adrian
2005 David Jennings	
2006 Jim & Betty Firestone; Jay Donelan	

PROGRAM

Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar
Pianist: Mrs. Pat Ziegelmeier

Welcome

Dr. Seth Carter, President

Presentation of Mosier Award

Mrs. Sami Talsma, Business Instructor

Presentation of Ary Award

Mrs. Shanda Mattix, Equine Program Director

Presentation of Tangeman Award

Dr. Meghann Corder, Physical Therapist Assistant Instructor

Presentation of Honorary Degree

Mr. Taylen Hubbell, English Instructor

Presentation of Graduates

Mrs. Angel Morrison, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates

Dr. Seth Carter, President
Mr. Patrick Toth, Chair, Board of Trustees

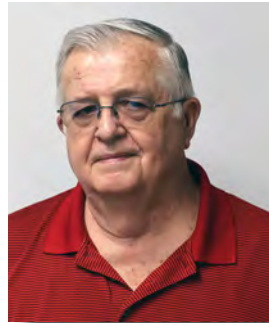
Recessional

"Joyous Fanfare" by Bober
Pianist: Mrs. Pat Ziegelmeier

Gary Adrian Honorary Associate Degree

Born in November 1947 in Colby, Gary Adrian has deep roots in the community, tracing his heritage to great-grandparents who were among the area's first settlers in 1885.

He attended first grade in Gem, continued his education in Colby through his sophomore year, and completed high school in Norton. He pursued higher education at Fort Hays State University and the University of Kansas before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1970.



During his 20 years of military service, Gary was trained and certified as a medical technologist. After retiring from the Army, he returned to Colby and worked as a medical technologist at the hospitals in Colby and Hoxie until his retirement from the medical field in 2006.

In 2011, he was elected mayor of the City of Colby, serving three terms through December 2023. Among the many accomplishments during his time as mayor, he highlights the planning and construction of the Colby Event Center, which opened in 2021.

“I am so proud of my hometown, Colby,” he said.

“Colby Community College is one of the essential factors for the successful growth and future of Colby. It is an honor to receive this honorary degree from CCC.”

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Veterinary Nursing Office Assistant/ Veterinary Office Assistant

Kayley Anderson	* Shelbylynn C. Maydew
* Maleah M. Bainbridge	Gabrialle Joette McDowell
* Melissa Kate Bishop-Pressley	+ Payton L. Morris
Tyanna N. Burnett-Porter	* Nicole Musselman
Sarah Grayson Carey	Spencer Olivia Nichols
* Brittany Lynn Chester	Ilene Emma Jean Renae Pace
* Michelle Lynn Cook	Elizabeth Julia Packard
Madison Deaver	Kairi LeeAnn Quinn
* Carly G. Dittmar	Alana Michelle Ratzlaff
Sophie Ann Easter	* Elizabeth Cheyenne Reese
Abigail Filson	* Josie Ann Reeter
* Cassidy Gray	* Jarianne Rodriguez- De La Torre
Zachary Taylor Gregg	* LaDeja D. Sanford
Caylee J. Hammel	* Dalton Hunter James Seggerman
Bryn Harding	Haley Marie Speith
Gabrielle Elizabeth Harlan	Juliauna Sophia Throckmorton
Karlie Morgan Heatherman	* Brooke R. Turner
* Ella Marie Johnston	+ Jamie A. Turner
* Grace E. Kaberline	Erin Elizabeth Upshaw
* Cathlynn A. Keilholz	Katana Mai Walker
Emma Grace Koranda	
Kinlee Jo May	

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CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Bookkeeping

Madison Gould
Denise A. Haynes
Kayla Jaeger

Business Essentials

Madison Gould
Denise A. Haynes

Leadership

Tyler Paul Smith

Marketing

Gentry Robben Sproul

Solar Photovoltaic

Bryton Dixon	+ Nathaniel Eugene Hamel
Kaleb Jerome Dixon	+ Stephen J. Maceli

Wind Technology

+ Nathaniel Eugene Hamel	+ Stephen J. Maceli
+ Luke Aaron Lampe	+ Terry Michael Svitak

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Nolan Sean Adamski	Dorian Romel Franklin
+ Anita Afrifa	Jenna Mary Funk
Amia Kyann Alexander-Sims	# Alexis Marie Gatz
Grace Mikki Alltop	Claire Catherine Gdanitz
+ Amanda A. Anderson	Viola Giangreco
James C. Anderson Jr.	Jarrdarrious Antonio Goolsby
Reese Ann Ardohain	Kylee A. Hahn
Christine Michelle Arjona	Kinleigh Dean Haskell
* Nikolas J. Armbrister	Denise A. Haynes
Stanley D. Arnold Sr.	+ Hannah Jamie Hernandez
Rosemary A. Arthur	Elijah K. Hobson
Shelby Faye Baehler	Lillian E. Hoft
Sophie Amelie Letizia Bennett	Rileigh Marie Holcomb
Ana Bertha Bermudez-Castanon	Alexis Denise Holling
+ Lindsey Renee Brown	Jessica F. Hopson
Kenlea Micah Buffington	Holly A. Hylton
Hailey Rae Buttshaw	Logan Arielle Johnson
Lily Ann Cannon	Macie Joleen Juenemann
Odalys Andrea Cano	Sibonelo M. Khumalo
Elias Jalil Cardenas Garcia	Boglárka Szonja Kiss
Aaliyah B. Chavez	Leah Claire Kubitz
* Myla Raelin Chin	Ana Sofia Lopez
Alma Jassmine Cordova	* Nonhlanhla Charity Mabuza
Austyn Mae Cox	Jaxon Ryder MacDonald
Cara Cox	# Rilan M. Mackley
Bree Ann Elizabeth De Waal	Nicholas Matthew Martinez
Aliou Diallo	Xzavier Andre Martinez
+ Austin Abbe Dierking	* Katherine McCue
Kyndel Elizabeth Dixon	Tiffani Amber Mein
Mica Donohue	Jenna Milford
Victoria Renee Emhoff	* Elijah L. Mills
Vivien Andrea Fehérvári	+ Avery Eaden Moses
* Keano Ferguson	Khadir Muhammad
* Abigail Marie Filson	Raphael Nagau--Trouart

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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Payton Jaide Nelson	Tyler Paul Smith
+ Cassye Gale Olivarez	Kymber Jo Stinson
Alonzo Ortiz	Ishante DeJaneah Suttington
Isaiah Anibal Padilla	* Anissa Maria Terrazas
Paige Ila Pierce	Emily Grace Trail
Tess Emily Polad	Sarah M. Urban
* Connie J. Pries	Sofia Jean Valenti
Alana Jane Proskow	Giovana Villalobos Carrillo
Mia Marie Rauzi	Riley David Voss
Mataya Catherine Roberts	Adam Robert Douglas Vulcano
* Noah Denis Rodgers	Titus Q. Washington
+ Allison Gwyn Ryker	Quincee Weaver
+ Hunter L. Sanchez	* Clarysa Jean Webber
Lexie R. Schroeder	Shelby Anne Wilson
Mouhamadou Bamba Sene	* Cashlyn Brooke Withington
Rayleigh Marie Shellito	Alexandra Sue Workman
* Fatoumata Singhateh	Geoffrey Joseph Zohner
* Nicanta Nikeedra Smith	

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

+ Emely A. Abreu Maytime	Kenlea Micah Buffington
+ Anita Afrifa	+ Elisabet Madrene Buller
Amia Kyann Alexander-Sims	Hailey Rae Buttshaw
Trextan Swade Allen	* Camila Canedo
Grace Mikki Alltop	Lily Ann Cannon
+ Marlen Alvarado	Aaliyah B. Chavez
+ Amanda A. Anderson	Ainsley Elizabeth Collins
Reese Ann Ardohain	Alma Jassmine Cordova
Stanley D. Arnold Sr.	Allana Grace Curry
Rosemary A. Arthur	* Julia Carvalho De Jesus
Halle Marie Bardsley	* Paige Elizabeth DeGood
Emma Catherine Brungardt	Aliou Diallo
Sophie Amelie Letizia Bennett	+ Austin Abbe Dierking
# Tyler S. Berggren	Kyndel Elizabeth Dixon
+ Anna Lindsey Blayter	Vivien Andrea Fehérvári
Chelsi K. Brown	* Abigail Marie Filson
+ Lindsey Renee Brown	Hannah Lynn Fitzgerald

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES

Practical Nursing

Ivan Armendariz	Brianna Rae Maughlin
Lacey Barrow	Bryton A. Mesch
Emma Margaret Belleau	Meghann Ashlee Obermeyer
MaKayla Shabon Cadwalader	Elizabeth Jordon Ray Owen
Brooklyn Jade Carroll	Kara Marie Parson
Naidelinn Estrada	Itzel Perez
Alanah McKenzie Gendoes	Davada Pummer
Cheyanna Jean Hale	Rachel Ann Reiser
Elise P. Heim	Kayla Jo Shada Wid
Emmersyn Lane Higley	Bryan W. Smotherman
Angela Leann Horacek	Arthur Albert Turley
Hailey Anne Marie Izzarelli	Samantha Aaron Vogel
Kelly Lopez	Jace Thunder Wid

Solar Photovoltaic

Nathaniel Eugene Hamel
Stephen J. Maceli
Aden D. Reilley

Wind Technology

+ Nathaniel Eugene Hamel	+ Aden D. Reilley
+ Luke Aaron Lampe	+ Terry Michael Svitak
+ Stephen J. Maceli	

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Veterinary Nursing

Kayley Anderson	* Breanna Noel Hargis
* Maleah M. Bainbridge	Gabrielle Elizabeth Harlan
Kylie Campbell	* Ella Marie Johnston
* Brittany Lynn Chester	Emma Grace Koranda
Alexandria Nicole Danks	* Nicole Musselman
* Cassidy Gray	Elizabeth Julia Packard
Zachary Taylor Gregg	Abigail Marie Piercy
Bryn Harding	Haley Marie Speith

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES

Accounting/Management

Madison Gould

Beef Management

Kyler L. Flaming	Kaleigh Belle Mason
David Paul Hathaway	Ethan D. Miller
Wyatt J. Littlechild	William Wyatt Jarman

Feedyard

Kyler L. Flaming

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Kali Noelle Fox	Paige Ila Pierce
Jenna Mary Funk	Tess Emily Polad
Viola Giangreco	Maleia Ann Powell
Gracie Mae Gundlach	Alana Jane Proskow
Kylee A. Hahn	* Gian Marco Ramirez
Denise A. Haynes	Raphael Ranger
Lillian E. Hoft	Mia Marie Rauzi
Rileigh Marie Holcomb	Mataya Catherine Roberts
Kayla Jaeger	+ Kaycee Monique Rogers
Lucas Ray Thomas John	+ Hunter L. Sanchez
Logan Arielle Johnson	Mouhamadou Bamba Sene
Macie Joleen Juenemann	* Fatoumata Singhateh
Boglárka Szonja Kiss	Jaylei N. Sloan
* Reagan J. Krehbiel	Tyler Paul Smith
Cash Avery Lenderman	Mariah L. Smitha
Ana Sofia Lopez	* Gentry Robben Sproul
Jaxon Ryder MacDonald	Kymber Jo Stinson
Nicholas Matthew Martinez	Anna Stramel
Maxence Massadila	Ishante Dejeaneah Suttington
Avery Lauren Mathes	* Anissa Maria Terrazas
Célia Valérie Eugénie Mbaya	Ashley Kay Tharp
* Jaron DeVon McCree	Kerstin S. Tommer
Flynn Mark McGahan	Ryan Valdez
Tiffani Amber Mein	Giovana Villalobos Carrillo
Jenna Milford	Adam Robert Douglas Vulcano
Ashley M. Miller	* Helen Marie Wahlmeier
Raphael Nagau--Trouart	* Zebulun David Wallsmith
Payton Jaide Nelson	Titus Q. Washington
* Christine Nusbaum	* Clarysa Jean Webber
+ Cassye Gale Olivarez	Corbin Michael Wilkinson
Brady M. Papay	Alexandra Sue Workman
+ Yasvi Patel	Geoffrey Joseph Zohner
Stacy Marie Patton	

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Alternative Energy

+ Nathaniel Eugene Hamel # + Aden D. Reilley
+ Stephen J. Maceli * Terry Michael Svitak

Beef Production

Kyler L. Flaming Wyatt J. Littlechild
David Paul Hathaway Ethan D. Miller
William Wyatt Jarman

Business Management and Administration

Madison Gould

Dental Hygienist

(In cooperation with and degrees awarded by
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Olivia Kathleen Bassett Rhealie Krentzlyn Rittgers
Valerie Ann Dome Ashley Dawn Stoll
Karina Herrera Solorzano Leilani L. Torres
Cyndie Levario Nyeli Alexandra Urrutia
Shade Easton Purcell Emma E. Vasquez
Laura Rose Rietcheck

Horse Production/Management

Emma Catherine Brungardt Victoria L. McKinney
Lily Ann Cannon Jenna Milford
Alaura Lea Juliet Crockett-Armijo Nalleli Kathryn Rollf
Rileigh Marie Holcomb Elizabeth G. Wright
Emma Grace Krase

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Nursing

Samantha Leigh Acosta	Catherine Suzanne Hodges
Daniella Nicole Arndt	Sarah M. Johnson
Kaylyn Jane Atkinson	Kelbie K. Knobbe
Ana Bertha Bermudez-Castanon	Heather A. Lewis
Ruth Ann Bose	Miranda Rae Mosier
Katelyn Demi Briegel	Katie Janessa Pelton
Kenlea Micah Buffington	Becki Ann Sporing
Anabel Cano	Katherine R. Stanley
Melissa Dorn	McKenzie Lynn Tremblay
Rocio Araly Flores-Pierce	Holley Marie Wilson
Janae M. Garoutte	Emma Elizabeth Wright
Tabbitha Jayde Hastings	

Physical Therapist Assistant

+ McKenzie L. Carmichael	+ Haylie Jene Romans
+ Kasey Jo Leverett	+ Emily Nicole Slinger
+ Jocelyn Leyva	+ Allyson Rene Waters
+ Megan Renee Peeler	+ Kaedin Donn Waugh

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