

BY THE NUMBERS



NO. 1 GRADUATION RATE

47.6%

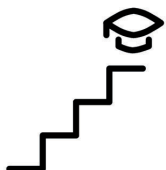
For two straight years and five of the last eight years, Colby Community College had the highest first-year, first-time graduation rate among all 19 Kansas community colleges.



68.2%

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.



ENROLLMENT

Colby Community College had the second-highest percentage of student headcount enrollment growth over the last five years.



Fifty-Eighth COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 12, 2023



Scan the code with a mobile device to access this program online and see the video archive of today's commencement ceremony.



Open Spaces Sports is livestreaming today's commencement ceremony.

Thank you for attending today's commencement ceremony. Please remain seated until graduates have left the gymnasium.

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Recipients of the Tangeman Award for Teaching Excellence

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

2023 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.

Valeria Almanza-Chavez, Alessia Bergesio, Laura Bogen, William Bradley, Wendy Chavez, Shailey Clark, Eden Davis, Claudia Font Torres, Clint Hammond, Nicole Jansonius, Heather Kier, Britnee McKinney, Claire Nelson, Shante Nelson, Isabella Ostmeyer, Mark Rausch, Lydia Rinehart, Anahy Sandoval-Sanchez, Jera Schoenfeld, Sarah Seifert, Isaac Smith, Kylah Smith, Farrah Trail, Travis Tubbs, Noah Van Allen.

Honorary Associate Degree Recipients

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

PROGRAM

Processional

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

Welcome and Introduction of the Speaker

Dr. Seth Carter, President

Commencement Address

Mrs. Nikol Nolan, Vice President of Student Affairs

Presentation of Mosier Award

Mr. Adam Wilson, Mathematics Instructor

Presentation of Ary Award

Mr. Marty Fear, Animal Science Instructor

Presentation of Tangeman Award

Dr. Tiffany Evans, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Presentation of Special Degree

Dr. Seth Carter, President

Presentation of Honorary Degree

Mr. Brad Griffith, Mathematics Instructor

Presentation of Graduates

Dr. Tiffany Evans, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates

Dr. Seth Carter, President

Mr. Quintin Flanagan, Board of Trustees Chair

Recessional

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

Nikol Nolan 2023 Commencement Speaker

Nikol Nolan is the vice president of student affairs at Colby



Community College. Her story at CCC began in 2001 as an admissions counselor. In 2005, she became the director of admissions and worked up to executive director of student affairs before being named the dean of student affairs. She has been in her current role since 2020.

Vice President Nolan was familiar with CCC long before joining the staff.

Both of her parents earned their associate degrees at Colby and then transferred to four-year schools. Her two younger sisters are also alumnae who transferred to universities.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University and a Master's in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in leadership from Fort Hays State University. Currently, she is completing a doctorate from KSU and is projected to graduate in the spring of 2024.

Vice President Nolan also stays busy in community work with the Colby Kiwanis chapter and serves on boards for the Pioneer Memorial Library and Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank.

The Scott City, Kan., native is married to Dr. Ray Nolan, a faculty member at CCC. They have two daughters, Logan, 16, and Myka, 13, who are active in travel and school sports. As time permits, Vice President Nolan enjoys baking, decorating cakes, and spending time with friends and family.

Certificates of Completion

Solar Photovoltaic

Breon T. Barton
Reese M. Blatt
Bryson Randy Castillo
+ Nicolas Tyler Johnson
* Garrett Michael Kuhn

Jason Malone
Quentin Luciano Pauda
Aden Derek Reilley
Noah Van Allen

Veterinary Office Assistant

Haylee M. Adams
* Emma R. Albers
Tina Banman
Kayla Rose Borland
Alisyn A. Bowers
Helen Marie Carlin
* Tayler Doherty
Alyssa N. Dorr
* Eden Marie Glover
* Mayree Gracia
Shaylee Mackenzie Green
* Alexandra Rose Hamm
Margaret R. Henkel
MiKayla Cheyenne Hess
Anna Marie Magill
Emily Paige McMurdo
* Kimberleigh Lucille Morris
* Faith P. Mulholland
Gabriel Pasilas

+ Amanda Nichole Pickett
* Alison Suzanne Pierce
Leona M. Powell
Jordyn Fallon Regier
+ Lora Lynnette Richards
* Kirstyn L. Rohe
* Sierra Alexandria Schrader-Parmentier
Jordan Suzanne Signer
Juliann Rose Sis
* Randi Danielle Smith
* Clara June Speer
* Shelby Kayla Spradling
* Camille Steffes
Amber Nicole Stutesman
Dorian C. Veal-Rodriguez
Alyssa R. Wince
Melody A. Winkel

Wind Technology

* Zackerey Richard Beltz
Bryson Randy Castillo
* Brandon Christopher Corbin

* Garrett Michael Kuhn
Quentin Luciano Pauda
Noah Van Allen

Certificates of Completion

Bookkeeping

+ Michelle Denise Alvidrez Madison Gould
Michaela Jordan Derickson Jordyn Lynn Weeks

Business Essentials

+ Michelle Denise Alvidrez * Kylie Marie Ryser

Computer Application Essentials

* Ruxandra A. Flueraș

Marketing

Quentin Luciano Pauda

Trauma Informed Classroom

* April Chessmore Melissa Reed
* Samantha Goetz + Laura Sexson
* Rees McKinney * Dolly Theobald
Sara Martin Kellie Tice
* Carolyn Nelson * Kayla Unger
Brenda Platt * Dianne C. Vap

* Program completed Fall 2022

+ Program scheduled to complete in Summer 2023

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Mark and Wendy Weishaar Honorary Associate Degree

After attending Colby Community College, Mark and Wendy Weishaar continued their educations at Kansas State University. Mark earned a bachelor's degree in construction science, and Wendy completed a bachelor's in consumer affairs.



Wendy was a member of the inaugural girl's tennis team at Colby High School. She has shared her love of the game through coaching CHS tennis teams for the last decade. She is president of the board for LiveWell Northwest Kansas, a non-profit advocacy organization improving all aspects of health for the region, and serves as vice president for the Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library board. Previously, she volunteered on several other boards in Colby and Thomas County.

Mark is the vice president of the Pioneer Memorial Library board. He shares his culinary expertise cooking and hosting fundraising dinners for organizations such as the Thomas County Community Foundation and the Prairie Museum of Art and History. He also volunteers time with the Colby High School advanced culinary class. In addition to his contributions to the community, he has worked for Tutor Perini Building Corp. for the last 35 years.

With Greg Bellamy, Mark and Wendy helped plan, design, and fund-raise for the Colby Tennis Center that opened at the college in 2021. The facility, with two tennis courts and two pickleball courts, is open to the public at no charge.

The Weishaars' connections to Thomas County span multiple generations. Their son Parker is a CCC graduate. Mark's father, Bill, grew up in Gem, and Wendy's grandfather Jesse J. Evans helped establish the Endowment Foundation. Her other grandfather, Albert Frahm, served on the inaugural CCC board of trustees.

"We are both proud of the role our families have had with the college and community," said Wendy. "We've always felt connected, even when we didn't live in Colby full-time."

Associate of Arts

Valeria Almanza-Chavez
Matthew Paul Anderson
Kiley Avery
Sapphira Zhané Bailey
* Kunal Bain
* Daphney Mae Baney
Ileah D. Beh
+ Marissa Mae Bermudez
Summer Rose Biscan
Laura Maria Bogen
William D.C. Bradley
Kenlea Micah Buffington
Eric Lamar Cain Jr.
Colin Carroll
Aaliyah Marie Chambers
* Rémi Paul Edouard Chavenaud
Addison Christiansen
Maelie Chupin
Shailey TaNeyl Clark
Emily E. Diercks
Kelsi Dominguez
Emma L. Eldridge
* Melanie Sue Engel
Natasha Flores
* Ruxandra A. Flueras
Ri'yah T. Francis
Candace Kay Fry
Blake Dale Everett Harsulla
Rylan Wes Hays
Marco Inez Herrera
MiKayla Cheyenne Hess
Megan Houghtaling
* Hannah L. Infante
* Ceara Renee Kamla
Brittany Alexis King
Abbygail Alayah Kinlock
Zachary Deon Kissick
Britton R. Knowles
Elizabeth Ashlee Kopfmann
Micah Elizabeth Leibbrandt
+ Brittney Hannah Lewis
Desiree` M. Littlechild
Kirsten Brooke Marcotte
Sanele Masondo
+ Shelbi Ann McAlister
Britnee Fê McKinney
Kirsten Nicole Miessler
Claire Ann Nelson
Melanie J. Norton
Joshua Dwight O'Garro
Kristy L. Packard
Jaxon Pillich
Mark Owen Rausch
Lydia Yvette Rinehart
* Geovanni Miguel Rios-Menjivar
+ Rhealie Krentzlyn Rittgers
* Trinity B. Robertson
+ Lauren Kathleen Rodgers
Peyton Grace Rone
Sydney Rayne Rothchild
* Kylie Marie Ryser
Jayla Alexis Sample
* Jenson Schoenfeld
* Danielle J. Schroeder
+ Livia D. Schultz
Abby M. Sims
Kylah D. Smith
Regan Paige Stramel
Dreasha L. Talley
Latrell R. Taylor
Farrah May Trail
+ Travis Jonathan Tubbs
Kaycee Rae Valencia
Austin Sean Van Aalst
Tyler M. Voss
Alexa D. Wade
Abba Wague
Malik O. Watkins

Technical Certificates

Veterinary Nursing Office Assistant

Haylee M. Adams
* Emma R. Albers
Tina Banman
Kayla Rose Borland
Alisyn A. Bowers
Helen Marie Carlin
* Tayler Doherty
Alyssa N. Dorr
* Eden Marie Glover
* Mayree Gracia
Shaylee Mackenzie Green
* Alexandra Rose Hamm
Margaret R. Henkel
MiKayla Cheyenne Hess
Anna Marie Magill
Emily Paige McMurdo
* Kimberleigh Lucille Morris
* Faith P. Mulholland
Gabriel Pasilas
+ Amanda Nichole Pickett
* Alison Suzanne Pierce
Leona M. Powell
Jordyn Fallon Regier
+ Lora Lynnette Richards
* Kirstyn L. Rohe
* Sierra Alexandria Schrader-Parmentier
Jordan Suzanne Signer
Juliann Rose Sis
* Randi Danielle Smith
* Clara June Speer
* Shelby Kayla Spradling
* Camille Steffes
Amber Nicole Stutesman
Dorian C. Veal-Rodriguez
Alyssa R. Wince
Melody A. Winkel

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Technical Certificates

Accounting/Management

+ Michelle Denise Alvidrez Elena Flores
Mistilyn A. Blackburn Melissa A. Womack
Wayne Joseph Flipse

Beef Management

Demi DyAnn Daniels Lora Lynnette Richards
Garrett W. Hollenbeck Wade Rush
Dannica Emelie Kalcevic Jacob Peter Sack
Nellie Ruth Kaner Elizabeth Eberly White
Toby L. Korte

Practical Nursing

Dayna C. Beachel Nicole R. Jansonius
Kasandra R. Blackhart Sarah Johnson
Hannah B. Brandl Heather Renea Kier
Addison Brooks Kristen Ann King
Kenlea Micah Buffington Tiffany A. Kleymann
Hayley Diann Cadwalader Taitym Brinn Knott
Eden Davis Postenea Louisjeune
Melissa Dorn Gabrielle Martinez
Chelsea T. Goni Katie D. Meitl
Destiny B. Gretzschel Nikki T. Murphy
Clint Scott Hammond Xochitl S. Rodriguez
Alexis A. Hancock Savannah Allane Rose
Nicole B. Irwin

Solar Photovoltaic

Bryson Randy Castillo Jason Malone
+ Nicolas Tyler Johnson Quentin Luciano Pauda
* Garrett Michael Kuhn Noah Van Allen
Nicholas Ian Lange

Wind Technology

* Zackerey Richard Beltz Nicholas Ian Lange
Bryson Randy Castillo Quentin Luciano Pauda
* Brandon Christopher Corbin Noah Van Allen
* Garrett Michael Kuhn

Associate of Arts

Elizabeth Eberly White * Tesamicheal Wolde
Stephanie R. Winn Tess Renee Woodruff

Associate of Science

Valeria Almanza-Chavez Britton R. Knowles
Matthew Paul Anderson Cael D. Langford
* Regan Elizabeth Ast Desiree` M. Littlechild
* Kunal Bain Rojelio Rolando Loya
Ileah D. Beh Emma Kate Maier
Alessia Bergesio + Shelbi Ann McAlister
+ Marissa Mae Bermudez Britnee Fê McKinney
* Kayla Rose Borland Claire Ann Nelson
Dante Tranell Brown Gage Spicer Odell
+ Kenneth Ross Brown Joshua Dwight O'Garro
Griffin S. Bruder Isabella Kathleen Ostmeyer
Eric Lamar Cain Jr. Kristy L. Packard
Aaliyah Marie Chambers Mark Owen Rausch
Maelie Chupin Lydia Yvette Rinehart
Shailey TaNeyl Clark * Geovanni Miguel Rios-Menjivar
Michaela Jordan Derickson Sydney Rayne Rothchild
Amber Lynn Dillard Kylie Marie Ryser
Emma L. Eldridge Jayla Alexis Sample
Rebekah Joann Fell * Jenson Schoenfeld
Natasha Flores Jera Schoenfeld
* Ruxandra A. Flueras + Livia D. Schultz
Clàudia Font Torres Isaac D. Smith
Candace Kay Fry * John Gary Stoecker
Cailey Morgan Grabenstein Regan Paige Stramel
Seth Gundlach Latrell R. Taylor
Blake Dale Everett Harsulla Dallin C. Tew
Danielle M. Hartwell + Travis Jonathan Tubbs
Corrina Lynn Haynes Kaycee Rae Valencia
MiKayla Cheyenne Hess Erika Valenzuela
+ Scott Thomas Hilbrink Austin Sean Van Aalst
Aliya Bren Holzmeister Tyler M. Voss
Keyly LaNell Jarrett * Jordyn Lynn Weeks
* Ceara Renee Kamla Elizabeth Eberly White
* Michaela Ann Keith

Associate of Applied Science

Business Management and Administration

+ Michelle Denise Alvidrez
+ Doyle Joseph Easter
Wayne Joseph Flipse

Elena Flores
Melissa A. Womack

Dental Hygienist

(In cooperation with and degrees awarded by
Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, WI)

Jailine Sofia Arzate
Brailyn Carlgren
Wendy Chavez
Madison L. Chronister
Carli Ann Haislip
Breanna Imel

Michele Lyn Linville
Julia Macias
Lesly Mendoza
Shanté Alise Nelson
Kylie Marie Park
Anahy Sandoval-Sanchez

Farm and Ranch Management

Garrett W. Hollenbeck
Dannica Emelie Kalcevic
Nellie Ruth Kaner
Toby L. Korte

Lora Lynnette Richards
Wade Rush
Jacob Peter Sack

Horse Production/Management

Demi DyAnn Daniels
Michaela Jordan Derickson
Alyssa N. Dorr
Rebekah Joann Fell
Cailey Morgan Grabenstein

Makendra Shae Hunt
Nellie Ruth Kaner
Jessica Marie Vassar
Elizabeth Eberly White

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Associate of Applied Science

Nursing

Candy Lynn Aschenbrenner
Kristy Rae Ball
Marissa Mae Bermudez
Patyn Isabella Branum
Samantha Jo Brenn
Sheena RaeLynn Brown
Jersey Madeline Carney
Hanna Cepeda
Kelly Cote
Melanie Ann Fisher
Jayla Mackenzie Helus
Brandi Shanae Horton

Bar-Lee Nichole Klein
Dora J. Langdon-Seaton
Regan Laine Lewis
Stacy Marie Nichols
Shawna Kay Petersen
Sara Salcedo
Angela Marie Sorter
Miranda M. Stevenson
Karlie Rae Strutt
Morgan Ann Voss
Kaely Jane Zilla

Sustainable/Renewable Energy

* Zackerey Richard Beltz
Bryson Randy Castillo
* Brandon Christopher Corbin

* Garrett Michael Kuhn
Quentin Luciano Pauda
Noah Van Allen

Veterinary Nursing

Haylee M. Adams
Tina Banman
Ashlyn Nichole Bird-May
* Mayree Gracia
Shandra Kay Griffin
Selah Christine Hadle
* Alexandra Rose Hamm
Amber N. Hudson
* Cheyenne LaVonne Jurgena
Anna Elise Gibson Lund
Ashlyn Nichole May

Emily Paige McMurdo
* Kimberleigh Lucille Morris
* Alison Suzanne Pierce
* Sierra Alexandria Schrader-
Parmentier
Sarah Jean Seifert
Mary Letha Shults
Jordan Suzanne Signer
Juliann Rose Sis
Amber Nicole Stutesman