

BY THE NUMBERS

COLBY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

51.4%

NO. 1 GRADUATION RATE

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



64.7%

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-Ninth COMMENCEMENT

May 17, 2024
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	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	Brad Griffith

2024 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.

Keira Bandy, Haydyn Best, Anabel Cano, Kenzie Carter, Emily Davis, Erika Fry, Clint Hammond, Tera Harm, Aaron Heintzelman, Catherine Hodges, Nicole Jansonius, Jasmine Jones, Heather Kier, Cashlyn Kvasnicka, Emma Lehman, Postenea Louisjeune, Zane Lucksavage, Jason Malone, Kirsten Marcotte, Jose Martinez, Courtney Mccullough, Keller Metzker, Trinity Munk, Carli Nieman, Karcin Regier, Hannah Ridnour, Savannah Rose, Lacey Schmidt, Allie Seltman, Liv Tubbs, Kori Vogel, Payton Walk, Cassandra Walker, Kaitlyn Williams, Cashlyn Withington, Eric Wittman, Brock Ziegler.

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	2024 Mark Winger

PROGRAM

Processional

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

Welcome

Dr. Seth Carter, President

Presentation of Mosier Award

Dr. Jeff Sekavec, STEM Division Chair

Presentation of Ary Award

Mr. Logan Despain, Livestock Judging Coach

Presentation of Tangeman Award

Dr. Michael Thompson, Social and Behavioral Sciences Chair

Presentation of Honorary Degree

Mr. Lon Frahm

Presentation of Graduates

Mrs. Nikol Nolan, Vice President of Student Affairs

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates

Dr. Seth Carter, President

Mrs. Audrey Hines, Board of Trustees

Recessional

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

Mark Winger Honorary Associate Degree

Raised on a farm in Johnson, Kan., the late Mark Winger graduated from Stanton County High School before completing a degree at Colby Community College. He continued his education at West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas. Later, while raising a family and working full time, he earned a master's degree in agribusiness from Kansas State University.



He married his high school sweetheart Tonya in 1986, and the couple lived in Colby while raising three sons: Chaz (Dakota) of Oakley, Zane (Morgan) of Sterling, Colo., and Gage (Kinley) of Colby. They also have five grandchildren: Kobee, Easton, Archer, Mesa, and Canyon.

Mark worked for Farm Credit of Western Kansas for 30 years, serving as Chief Credit Officer at the time of his passing on Dec. 16, 2020.

“Mark loved learning and always had stacks of notebooks filled with personal goals and topics he was researching,” Tonya said.

Serving his community in many ways, Mark assisted with and supported Colby athletics at all levels. His civic work could be seen in the Colby Rotary, where he was named a Paul Harris Fellow. In leadership, he was on the Prairie Museum of Art and History board, was president of the Chamber of Commerce, board chairman and director of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership (KARL) organization, and a Thomas County Leadership graduate. CCC knew him well through his terms on the Board of Trustees and the Endowment Foundation board.

“Mark was very proud to have graduated from Colby Community College,” Tonya added. “He will always be remembered for his smile, his kindness, and his generosity. He loved life, and he loved serving others.”

Certificates of Completion

Solar Photovoltaic

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| * Jody M. Brooks | * Jose Ernesto Martinez |
| * Anthony Lloyd Karnes | * Eric W. Wittman |

Wind Technology

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tyler Faber | Aden D. Reilley |
| Haydin R. Litsinberger | Ryker Allen Schmidtberger |
| + Jason Merlin Malone | * Eric W. Wittman |

Veterinary Nursing Office Assistant/ Veterinary Office Assistant

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| * Stephanie Paige Aamodt | Alyse Noel McGaugh |
| * Shyanne Janae Allen | Andrea Leigh Puterko |
| * Braelynne Starr Bates | Halle Ann Ramsey |
| Jaci Black | Emily Redpath |
| Andrea Jean Buhler-Lartz | Julie L. Rummel |
| Lauren Marie Cary | Lauren Elizabeth Sefried |
| Aylice Clawson | * Lilly Grace Stelly |
| Ashley Marie Fox | Carter Mashelle Walsh |
| * Kathryn Kincaid | Andrew David Woesthaus |
| Kylie R. Land | * Jessica Lauren Zambri |
| * Kelsey Lewis | Allison Kay Zausch |
| Dakira Jane Limon | |

Certificates of Completion

Bookkeeping

Tyler Fields
Conner Marcus Finley
Rojelio Rolando Loya

Mary Juanita Mills
Dominga Guadalupe Perez-Perez

Business Essentials

Dominga Guadalupe Perez-Perez

Feedlot

Keller J. Metzker
Emily Racheal Wilms

Marketing

Tyler Fields
Rojelio Rolando Loya
Dominga Guadalupe Perez-Perez

Trauma Informed Classroom

Alysia Bixenman
* Olivia Shea Fellhoelter
* Victoria Ann Hadley
Monica L. Kane
Rebecca Joy Kruse
Bryan Grant Miller

+ Connie J. Pries
* Jennifer Ann Rall
Paige Ramey
* Tara Beth Schroer
* Vanessa Underhill

* Program completed Fall 2023
+ Program scheduled to complete in Summer 2024

Associate of Arts

* Danyell J. Ashbaugh
Ann J. Badawi
* Mohammed Baghati
* Shelby Lynn Bainter
* Keira Elaine Bandy
Tara Meleisa Bert
Noella Kanu Biduaya
Chase Bilbro
Hailee M Bingham
* Emily G Bohl
Benjamin M Bohlmann
Liliana Jean Borders
Kamely Jose Brito-Brenes
+ Tremaine Emanuel Browne
Carter Scott Burton
Kenzie Faith Carter
Arely Castillo
* Amie Lynne Cheney
Ilaria Micol Chiericati
Angela Marie Davis
Emily N. Davis
* Amber Nicole DeFever
Kimber Nicole Duncan
Ashley Lynn Emhoff
Emmi Rochelle Ensign
Jayden Cleo Fenner
+ Keano T. S. Ferguson
Tyler Fields
* Mario Sandoval Flores
Ellie Marie Garrie
Thomas Grant
* Shaylee Mackenzie Green
+ CarolEve M. Harris
* Katelyn L. Hebbard

* Ellie Terease Higgins
Kaylee Lorene Higgins
Kohle Huber
Corbin Scott Jay
* Roberson Jean
Madi Jorgensen
Maissane Jouen
Nellie Ruth Kaner
+ Ty Kats
Taylor Marie Kibbee
Reagan Elizabeth Koster
Samuel R. Laske
+ Sheila Rebecca Lee
* Emma C. Lehman
Rojelio Rolando Loya
Zane Charleston Lucksavage
+ Desmond Major
Reese M. Mansur
Tod J. Mastin
* Dalyn McFee
Keller J. Metzker
* Troynelle Miller
Kgadi Monyebodi
Kendra DeAnne Moon
+ Marco Blagué Moreau
Iyanna Myers
Cutter William Neitzel
Avery Ella Newmiller
+ Mayola Orrantia
Aryanna Royal Perez
Lily-Rose Pichon
+ Connie J. Pries
Karcin Nicolee Regier
Abbigaily Nicole Rickard

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Associate of Arts

* Hannah Marie Ridnour
+ Ian Rosales
Julie L. Rummel
Emily Jean Sauvageau
Lacey B. Schmidt
Allie Seltman
* Kaylee Briann Sheets
+ Fatoumata Singhateh
Madison A. Solida
Liv H. Tubbs
Olivier Vallée
Jacob Van Leeuwen
Cristina Walt
Kayla Jo Shada Wid
Kaitlyn Carol Williams
Brock Jordan Ziegler

Associate of Science

* Mohammed Baghati
* Keira Elaine Bandy
* Kevin Andrew Baranoski
Sarah Leeanne Berst
+ Haydyn William Best
Hailee M. Bingham
Benjamin M. Bohlmann
Kamely Jose Brito-Brenes
Kenzie Faith Carter
Arelly Castillo
+ Aaliyah B. Chavez
Myla Raelin Chin
Priscilla Cordova
Emily N. Davis
Kimber Nicole Duncan
Alexander G. Ellert
Ashley Lynn Emhoff
Victoria Renee Emhoff
Emmi Rochelle Ensign
Tyler Fields
Erika Ann Fry
Jr Casimiro Gaona Verduzco
Ellie Marie Garrie
Anna Gazzerro
+ Raquel A. Granillo
Thomas Grant
* Shaylee Mackenzie Green
+ CarolEve M. Harris
* Rylan Wes Hays
Nellie P. Hesper
Ellie Terease Higgins
Antone Higgs
Vance Logan Hockersmith
Kohle Huber
* Roberson Jean
Maissane Jouen
Nellie Ruth Kaner
+ Ty Kats
Taylor Marie Kibbee
Tiffany Ann Kleymann
* Brandon N. Knoles
Kaylee Nicole Knouf
Leandre Lahalle
Lyden Ainsley Lampe
Samuel R. Laske
* Emma C. Lehman
+ Dakira Jane Limon
Tayton Roy Lucas

Technical Certificates

Practical Nursing

Daniella Nicole Arndt
Kaylyn Jane Atkinson
Ruth Ann Bose
Anabel Cano
McHaley Thayer Carter
Hunter Aaron Craft
Rocio Araly Flores-Pierce
Tabbitha Jayde Hastings
Andromeda R. Haussermann
Aurora Paige Haussermann
Catherine S. Hodges
Asim Khalil
Susan Yvette Koehn
Jasmine S. Lapp-Fassler
Reagan Maria Musquiz
Amber Peterson
Bryce Lonnie Runge
Julie Schindler
Fayth S. Smith
Becki Ann Spring
Katherine Renee Stanley
Nathaniel Alexander Stark
McKenzie Lynn Tremblay
Holley Marie Wilson
Emma Elizabeth Wright

Solar Photovoltaic

Anthony Lloyd Karnes
Jose Ernesto Martinez
Eric W. Wittman

Wind Technology

Anthony Lloyd Karnes
Jose Ernesto Martinez
+ Jason Merlin Malone
Aden D. Reilley
Eric W Wittman

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Associate of Applied Science

Veterinary Nursing

* Stephanie Paige Aamodt	Kylie R. Land
* Shyanne Janae Allen	Siu Yan Luk
Jaci Black	Keely Marie Malone
Andrea Jean Buhler-Lartz	Alyse Noel McGaugh
Lauren Marie Cary	Gabriel Pasilas
Aylice Clawson	* Lindsay Patrick
Allison Nicole Collins	Halle Ann Ramsey
Kimber Nicole Duncan	Jordyn Fallon Regier
Ashley Marie Fox	Lauren Elizabeth Sefried
Lacey J. Haughton	Jennie Rose Verts
Aaron C. Heintzelman	Andrew David Woesthaus
* Madison P. Hull	* Jessica Lauren Zambri
* Kathryn Kincaid	Allison Kay Zausch

Technical Certificates

Accounting/Management

Mistilyn A. Blackburn	Mary Juanita Mills
Tristen Samuel Cox	Dominga Guadalupe Perez-Perez
Rojelio Rolando Loya	

Beef Management

Evan W. Bottini	Payton Renee Walk
Wesley R. King	Emily Racheal Wilms

Associate of Science

Zane Charleston Lucksavage	Mason E. Roberts
Matthew J. Mackenzie	+ Ian Rosales
Oliwia Malinowska	+ Sabriya Lily Samo
Courtney Irene McCullough	Emily Jean Sauvageau
Stella McIntyre	Taylor M. Sayer-Lenz
Keller J. Metzker	Lacey B. Schmidt
Kirsten Nicole Miessler	Allie Seltman
* Troynelle Miller	* Kaylee Briann Sheets
Kgadi Monyebodi	Kenjiro Shibuya
Kendra DeAnne Moon	Madison A. Solida
Marco Blagué Moreau	Ethan Grant Staley
Trinity Lorraine Munk	+ Kaetlin D. Thomeczek
Carli Elizabeth Nieman	Luke Tolbert
* Sydney Brianna Noel	Liv H. Tubbs
+ Christine A. Nusbaum	Olivier Vallée
+ Mayola Orrantia	Lucas Paul John Vincent
Aryanna Royal Perez	* Kori Alexis Vogel
Lakyn Jo Pettijohn	Tatyana D. Walrond
Lily-Rose Pichon	Carter Mashelle Walsh
Jessica Renee' Porter	Jace Thunder Wid
Karcin Nicolee Regier	Kaitlyn Carol Williams
Avery Zechariah Reuber	Emily Racheal Wilms
Abbigayle Nicole Rickard	+ Cashlyn Brooke Withington

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Associate of Applied Science

Beef Production

Evan W. Bottini
Wesley R. King

Payton Renee Walk
Emily Racheal Wilms

Business Management and Administration

Mistilyn A. Blackburn
Tristen Samuel Cox
Conner Marcus Finley

Mary Juanita Mills
Dominga Guadalupe Perez-Perez

Dental Hygienist

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

Yeraldin Almanza
Carrie D. Gast
Sarena Gerstmann
Brayan Guerrero

Kalli Ann Koubek
Jentry Lynne Oliphant
Aritzza Rodriguez
Kylie Marie Solida

Horse Production/Management

Sarah Leeanne Berst
Kyrianna Elise Hielscher
Jakeob Ray Stewart

Associate of Applied Science

Physical Therapist Assistant

+ Jessica Janae Castellucci
+ Kirsten Brooke Marcotte

+ Mayola Orrantia
+ Summer Rose Young

Nursing

Kasandra R. Blackhart
Hannah Brandl
Tess Natasha Brittain
Addison Brooks
Jennifer Christine Carter
Natasha Marie Craig
Kerstin Nichole Decker
April Gendoes
Clint Scott Hammond
Alexis Alexandria Hancock
Tera Lyna Harm
Ericka Herrera Castro
Nicole Rae Jansonius
Heather Renea Kier

Tiffany Ann Kleymann
Taitym Brinn Knott
Postenea Louisjeune
Gabrielle Martinez
Nikki Taneil Murphy
Jessica Renee' Porter
Xochitl Silva Rodriguez
Savannah Allane Rose
Jeremy Dale Sekavec
Ashley D. Stickley
Annastacia Dawn Strohm
Jonathan Lima Sturgeon
Cassandra Walker

Sustainable/Renewable Energy

+ Anthony Lloyd Karnes
+ Jason Merlin Malone

+ Jose Ernesto Martinez
+ Eric W. Wittman

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