



2024 COMMENCEMENT

May 10, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

Gillette College Pronghorn Center

Our Mission

Gillette College is dedicated to student and learner success by offering opportunities for academic, technical, and career excellence in a diverse and innovative environment that focuses on community partnerships to ensure access to lifelong quality education and training.

Welcome

Welcome to the Gillette Community College District 2024 Commencement Ceremony! I want to extend my warmest congratulations to our graduating students as well as their families, friends and loved ones, on behalf of the Gillette Community College District Trustees, faculty, and staff. It's an honor to have you all here, and we're grateful for the support and encouragement you provided to the students we are recognizing tonight. This evening, we're celebrating the culmination of the hard work and determination of the Class of 2024. They're joining the proud ranks of those who have come before them, and we're confident that our future is in good hands because of these exceptional graduates. Congratulations, and always remember, you will forever be a member of the Gillette College Pronghorn Family.

– Dr. Janell Oberlander
President, Gillette Community College District

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Gillette College Commencement 2024

- Processional*** **Celtic Colorado Pipes and Drums**
- "The Star-Spangled Banner"*** **Performed by Energy City Voices**
- Welcome**..... **Dr. Barry Spriggs**
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs
- Introductions**..... **Dr. Janell Oberlander**
President
- Wyoming Community College Commission Welcome**.....**Mr. Gregg Blikre**
Wyoming Community College Commissioner
- Distinguished Alumni Award**..... **Bradley Cundy**
- 2024 Commencement Address**..... **Dr. Sandy Caldwell**
- "Compass"** **Performed by Energy City Voices**
"Compass" by Lady A, arranged by Matt Villar
- Presentation of Candidates for Degrees**..... **Dr. Barry Spriggs**
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs
- Recommendation of Candidates for Degrees**..... **Dr. Janell Oberlander**
President
- Conferral of Degrees**..... **Mr. Josh McGrath**
Gillette College Board of Trustees Chair
- Tassel Turning Tradition**..... **Jason Olsen**
Faculty of the Year
- Recessional***..... **Stage Party, Faculty, and Staff**

**Please stand for the processional, the National Anthem, and recessional as the stage party and faculty leave the arena.*

Grand Marshal

Jason Olsen
Faculty of the Year

Honored Guests

Mr. Gregg Blikre,
Wyoming Community
College Commissioner

Acknowledgements:

Announcer: Allyssa Molenda
Sign Language Interpreter: Romelle Hoon

Color Guard:

Members of American Legion Post 307

Associate Degree in Nursing

Madison K. Beck	Samantha Rae Holzer Φ	Alexis Eileen Porter
Sari Bingham	Alexa Kay Kuhbacher	Abigail Rose Rogers
Taylor Rene Boyles	Jacqueline N. Land	Erika Smith
Ashley Quinn Diaz	Felicity Rose Mader	Jodi L. Smith
Kaitlyn Elizabeth King	Sarah Lynn Maizonet-Johnson	Jade Marie Stoudt
Gabriel Enrique Guzman	Ruth Hannelore Newton	Niveah Leann Thacker
Elizabeth M. Hatcher	Jeremiah Charles Oller	Danielle Lynn Weymouth Φ
Michelle J. Himle	Scarlett Ann Phillips Φ	Lainee Marie Woodard

Associate of Applied Science

Conferred Graduates - Fall 2023

Daniel Joseph Porter \dagger	Alex Randall Hart	Skylar Ray Muirhead Φ
Cody A. Boller	Melinda Denise Hudspeth Φ	Tyler Allen Turner Φ
Carmelita Colby	Colson Jeffery Kluck	Michael Jay Velos
Shelly Josephina Gegelman	James Dade Martin	

Candidates for Graduation - Spring & Summer 2024

Keith Alan Carbullido Jr.	David Nickoson	Veronica Rae Stangeland
Nathan Lane Copus \dagger	Dax Lee Oberg	Triniti Naomi Thompson Φ
Janelle M. Hensley	Leo Cerrillo Orban	Madisen Emilee Wagner \blacktriangle
Brynna Leigh Kahl Φ	Dawson Michael Prieue	Kaleb Jay Weinand
Tucker Lawrence Marcinko \dagger	Austin Jay Riley \dagger	Dallas C. Williams \dagger
Paul Keith McInerney	Timothy Pavlovich Ruban Φ	
Wyatt M. McOmie	Kevin Wayne Skeens \dagger	

Associate of Arts

Conferred Graduates - Fall 2023

Brett Allen Markham Φ
Leslie M. Warrington Φ

Candidates for Graduation - Spring & Summer 2024

Paul Michael Bothwell $\dagger\Sigma$	Julie H. Fickel	Sophia Carilea Siegert
Sierra Rae Cannon Φ	Nicole Lynn Hankinson	Sonja M. Tomaszewski

Key: Phi Theta Kappa - Φ | Sigma Alpha Pi - Σ | Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces - \dagger

Also Receiving Certificate of Completion - C

Receiving college degree prior to high school diploma from Thunder Basin High School - \blacklozenge

Receiving college degree prior to high school diploma from Campbell County High School - \blacktriangle

Receiving college degree prior to home school high school diploma - \triangle

Associate of Science

Conferred Graduates - Fall 2023

Destiny Alexis Kramlich †	Jaidyn S. Groombridge	Amber L. Schultz
Grace M. Breaux	Phaezia R. Harkins	Sylvia McCollum Shutes
Parker Daniel Brooks	Adrienne T. Knight	Eduardo Jr Ulloa
Jessie Nicole Brown	Saranndon Grace Madsen	Sylvia Elaine Wilting
Blakelee Jo Gillespie	Christine Ruban	Charity Lynn Zumpf

Candidates for Graduation - Spring & Summer 2024

Stephen Andrew Albin Φ	Robert Andrew Hind	Ashlyn Rae Pickens Φ ◆
Celest Louanne Andersen ◆	Andre Hoepelman	Sarah Nicole Pittman Φ
Phillip Avendano Castillo Φ	Robert Michael Humes	Bethany Ann Porter
Zackary A. Blankenship Φ	Kodie A. Hutton	Brayden James Price
Mia Di'Ann Blinkinsop	Abigale Paige Hyttinen ◆	Clarissa JoyLynn Reynolds Φ ◆
Riley Vail Bock	Brianna Marie Johner Φ	Arianne Jean Roberts Φ
Taylor Ann Boho	Katharine M. Johnson	Rylee Lynn Rodgers ◆
Abigail Marie Cargill ▲	Bouna Kebe	Faith Lynn Rushton ◆
Naiya Noel Chapman Φ	Samuel Kind Kjerstad Φ	Denise Sanchez Zamora
Jackson Bryan Cook	Dara Kopelcheck	McKinzie Kaye Schafer ▲
Natalee Scott Cook	Alysha Ann Kratz Φ	Emelyn Klara Schlekeway ◆
Joseph Kade Craig	Tiana Marie Lara	Anna M. Schmidt
Jessica Renae Cunningham Φ	Emmanuel Lawal	Brittini Nikole Schmidt Φ ▲
Eliza Renee Curran △	Garrette D. Locke Φ	Piper Rose Schmidt ◆
Seth Howard Cyr Φ ◆	Carson James McArtor Φ	Victoria Graece Schmitz Φ ◆
Emily Ann Dike	Meghan Clarisse McEntee Φ	Madison Gerhardt Semmler
Erika Rose Dike ▲	Avery Elizabeth McGrath ◆	Shantel Leeann Smith Φ
Jennifer Dominguez	Felipe Mendes Φ	Emily Renee Sterling
Tate Elish Ellsworth Φ	Tegan Breanne Minchow Φ	Layni Marie Stevens
Maddie Grace Eskew Φ	Allyssa Maria Molenda	Breanna Marie Stone
Haley Marie Ferguson	Rafael Reis Moreira	Amber S. M. Temple
Jesus David Garcia	Hailee Breann Morgado	Lyndsy Marie Tracy
Ashley Marie Gisi	Ali Jean Morgan	Cassidy Avenelle Treesh Φ
Hailey Gojkovich	Danielle A. Newman Φ	Amber Rose Weaver
Iracel Gonzalez Φ	Makayla Ann Newman Φ	Payton Lynn Whitt ▲
Taylor James Gulley	Kristin L. Nuzum Φ	Sydney M. Widman
Kassandra Elizabeth Haefs	Jeremiah Charles Oller	Ellie Janay Wilson †
Camryn Harris	Margaret Gale Olsen Φ	Hailley Lynn Worthington
Dominic Joe Hecker ◆	Anthony Michael Peters	McKenzie M. Wright
Kaylen Marie Hecker		

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Certificate of Completion

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Christine Camille Acuna Φ
Kayla Jo Amos Φ
Kori Jo Amos
Ashtyn Ann Armstrong
Colton Biesheuvel Σ
Grace M. Breaux
Kylie Richele Bullach Φ
Keith Alan Carbullido Jr.
Loralee Corson
Char Lynn Cranston
Theresa Mae David
Naomi Belle Edwards Φ
Anna M. Emmons
Dagen L. Geis
Alexandria Nycole Hanson Φ
Chloe Jacqueline Harlow
Alex Randall Hart

Janelle M. Hensley
Cristal Herrera
Ceridwen Magdalena Jensen
Kiley Jade Jimison
Amber Nicole Johnson
Kaylee June Johnston
Rylan James Kirkpatrick
Tyler Daniel Krohn
Krista Nichole Lohman
Salena K. Loveland Φ
Dylan James Lucero
Alyvia Gayle Ludwar
Cameo Nicole Teresa Madewell-Dingman Φ
Curtis William McKesson
Wyatt M. McOmie
Alexis Jade Murray
Julie C. Musser Φ

Callie Ann Oister
Madison Renee Pollat
Dawson Michael Priewe
Dawna K. Reisner
Aiden Jay Reynolds
Timothy Pavlovich Ruban Φ
Amber L. Schultz Φ
Lucas Robert Schurman ✦
Gareth Donovan Scott Kobielus
Veronica Rae Stangeland
Angela M. Stanton Φ
Breanna Marie Stone
Shawna Lynn Strahan
Jessica Rae Stricker Φ
Triniti Naomi Thompson Φ
Jaden Paige Vance
Amber Weaver
Brandon Samuel Wissler

High School Equivalency Certificate of Completion

Shyann Allen
Dejah Barnett
Caleigh Buckingham
Amanda Carlton
Hunter Chamberlain
McKinzee Gaffield
Mysterious Guajardo
Misteri Guajardo
Tyler Hutchison

Burton Johnson
Alexyss Keefe
Nevaeh Lang
Kaden Leiker
Gianna Lopez-Torres
Liliana Martinez
Grace Morrison
Kahne Muller
Kadyn Nedved

Vallie Norberg
Ashley Paxton
Dentrell Simpson
Johanna Staples
Aidan Suchor
Daniel Sutphin
Hannah Weston
Maddox White
Rachel Wight

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Distinguished Alumni Award - Bradley Cundy

Bradley Cundy graduated from Campbell County High School in 1977 and pursued a degree in electrical engineering at Casper College from 1977-1979. However, he decided to move back home to Gillette to co-found Cundy Asphalt with his wife in 1980. After selling the company in 1999, Bradley enrolled at Gillette College and graduated with an associate degree in 2004. He is currently the CEO of Keyhole Technologies, LLC, and a partner of Cundy.Biz LLP. He is also a member of Associated General Contractors of Wyoming, past president, and a member of the Casper Rotary Club and Gillette Rotary Club. Bradley has received several honors, including the AGC of America Build America Award in 1999 and the Boys & Girls Club of Central Wyoming Mick & Susie McMurry Try Award in 2021.



Commencement Address - Dr. Sandy Caldwell

Dr. Sandy Caldwell has a wealth of experience in the field of higher education. She worked as a community college faculty member and held various administrative positions before retiring as the Executive Director and State Higher Education Executive Officer (SHEEO) for the Wyoming Community College Commission. Dr. Caldwell has served as president of Reedley College in Reedley, CA, community college vice president at Western Wyoming Community College, in Rock Springs, WY, and community college academic leader and faculty member at Paris Junior College in Paris, TX, among other roles. She is a champion for industry partnerships and the role of governing boards and collaboration at the state-level. Dr. Caldwell has conducted numerous national presentations and has written articles for various higher education publications. Additionally, she served on numerous accreditation teams for the Higher Learning Commission and Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

Ceremonial Mace

The Academic Mace symbolizes the college's governing authority and signifies official proceedings. The Academic Mace is only present when the President is in attendance and is seen only at Convocation and Commencement. The Mace represents the significant responsibility entrusted to our faculty and staff to guide and direct the learning of our students. The Mace also serves as a reminder to our students that the learning process may not always be easy or comfortable, but - absolutely attainable.

Anatomy of the mace:

- Made from maple wood and silver
- Bottom: the bottom of the mace signifies the creation of GCCD and the growth of the college
- Bottom Ridges: moving up the mace signifies GCCD sharing the mission of the college for the students, faculty, staff, and community
- Middle: at the middle of the mace GCCD shares the vision of the college
- Top Ridges: these ridges symbolize the values of the college in which the students enter
- Upper Circle: the upper circle holds two medallions and represent the faculty and staff; these medallions have the GCCD logo and seal etched into silver
- Top: the top brings the mace to an end; this points to the future of all involved at GCCD - students, faculty, staff, and community



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Congratulations, Graduates!

Scan to view our digital program here!



Degrees and Certificates earned by Gillette College students and recognized today were conferred through the Northern Wyoming Community College District, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the printed program with respect to the degrees awarded. The appearance of a name in the list of degree candidates is not to be regarded as conclusive. The student's permanent record is the official record of degrees and honors awarded. Degrees will be awarded once all requirements are met and on file with the Registrar's Office.

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