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Accomplished Hollywood Voice Actor to Speak at Colorado College 2026 Commencement Ceremony

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—March 3, 2026—Colorado College is pleased to announce that one of Hollywood’s most celebrated voice actors, Dee Bradley Baker ’86, has been selected to give the Commencement Ceremony address to the Class of 2026 on Sunday, May 17, from 8:30-11 a.m., inside Ed Robson Arena.

A Colorado College graduate from the Class of 1986, Baker earned his B.A. in Philosophy with extensive study in German, plus a wide-ranging mix of biology and art courses. He also spent much of his time at CC in choir and on stage, an early foundation for his performance career.

“I am flattered and honored to be asked to speak at this year’s Commencement—40 years after I graduated, no less!” Baker said. “An actor always loves a captive audience!”

Baker’s voice acting career spans over 30 years in film, television, video games, and live-action productions. He is known for voicing Captain Rex and the clone troopers in *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, all five squad members of *Star Wars: The Bad Batch*, Perry the Platypus in *Phineas and Ferb*, Klaus in *American Dad!*—part of his recognition as a twice Emmy-nominated performer—and Squilliam in *SpongeBob SquarePants*. He is renowned for creature and animal vocal performance, including Appa and Momo in *Avatar: The Last Airbender*. His game credits include Gravemind (*Halo*), Variks (*Destiny*), and Hammond/Wrecking Ball (*Overwatch*).

“Voice acting found me as much as I found voice acting,” said Baker. “After graduating I just kept doing all kinds of performing that I liked to do—plays, stand up, musicals, improv, and children’s theater. I learned from it all but slowly pared it down to the most amount of fun that fit me and my talents. My ascending pathway was about the fun of trial and error, not training. As one of my characters said, ‘Experience outranks everything.’”

Baker is a passionate advocate for the practical power of a liberal arts education in a changing world and says, “The readiness of a curious mind is a kind of inoculation against anxiety in the face of accelerating change.”

“We are proud to welcome Dee Bradley Baker back to Colorado College as our Commencement speaker,” said President Manya Whitaker. “Dee’s extraordinary career, giving voice to some of the most recognizable characters in film, television, and animation, reflects the creativity, curiosity, and adaptability that define a CC education. His journey from CC graduate to one of Hollywood’s most versatile voice actors will inspire our graduates to embrace imagination, pursue meaningful work, and recognize the many ways their voices can shape the world.”

CC’s Commencement Ceremony is not open to the public, but media are welcome to attend. Please reach out to Alexa Gromko in Media Relations to reserve a seat by Monday, May 11. Other [Commencement 2026](#) activities include Honors Convocation, which will take place on Tuesday, May 5, at 11 a.m. at Shove Memorial Chapel, and the Baccalaureate Ceremony, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, at 3 p.m. at Shove Memorial Chapel.

About Colorado College

Colorado College is a nationally prominent, four-year liberal arts institution in Colorado Springs, Colorado, founded in 1874. Known for its innovative Block Plan, students take one class at a time in intensive 3½-week segments, allowing for deep focus and engagement in and beyond the classroom. With approximately 2,200 undergraduates, the College offers 42 majors, 30 department minors, and 24 thematic minors, as well as Master of Arts in Teaching. Colorado College holds the Research Colleges and Universities designation from Carnegie and ACE and is consistently recognized as a top Fulbright and Peace Corps producing institution. A leader in sustainability, the College was the first in the Rocky Mountain Region and eighth in the nation to achieve carbon neutrality. For more information, visit www.coloradocollege.edu.

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