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**Colorado College to Host Class of 2026
Commencement Ceremony Sunday, May 17**
Accomplished Hollywood Voice Actor to Speak

WHAT: Colorado College Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony for undergraduates and MAT students. The ceremony will be followed by a reception outside on Tava Quad from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

WHEN: Sunday, May 17, 2026, 8:30-11 a.m.

WHERE: Ed Robson Arena, Colorado College campus, 849 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, 80903. [Campus Map](#).

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: Celebrated Hollywood voice actor and CC alum Dee Bradley Baker '86 will deliver the Commencement ceremony address to the Class of 2026, forty years after he graduated from CC. Baker 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—Squilliam Fancyson in *SpongeBob SquarePants*, and Appa and Momo in *Avatar: The Last Airbender*. [Read more about Baker's life and his advice for the graduates.](#)

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT: An Honorary degree will be conferred upon the following notable individual:

- [Christopher Benoit '03](#)
Benoit is a human rights attorney focused on immigrant and worker rights along the U.S.–Mexico border. Since graduating from CC, he has worked with communities across the Americas, from supporting genocide witnesses in Guatemala to defending workers facing exploitation in the U.S. and Mexico. Based in the borderlands since 2009, Benoit has led impactful litigation exposing

police oversight failures, challenging unlawful detention and deportation practices, and advancing legal protections for vulnerable populations, earning national recognition for his advocacy.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: Members of the media must wear a CC-issued media credential while covering the ceremony. Media badges will be available at the Tejon Street entrance to the arena from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. the morning of Commencement or by calling Alexa Gromko at 719-360-8401.

MEDIA STAGING AREA: Media will have limited access on the upper concourse of the arena and at the press box, located on the 4th floor, south side of the arena above the food court. A mult-box will be available near the press box area for audio. For a broadcast feed of the ceremony, please alert us in advance if you'd like to bring a LiveU or Dejero remote broadcast unit so we can accommodate the space for it.

For media assistance/interviews the morning of Commencement, contact Alexa Gromko at 719-360-8401.

LIVE TV BROADCASTS: TV stations that would like to do live shots near Ed Robson Arena must know that Cache La Poudre and Tejon Streets surrounding the arena will be blocked off for graduates lining up outside prior to the ceremony. There will be limited parking around the arena.

LIVESTREAM OF CEREMONY:

[Click here to watch the livestream of the Commencement Ceremony.](#)

Link will be live shortly before ceremony begins.

MEDIA STORY IDEAS:

For a look at the many accomplishments students achieved: [Commencement Begins with Honors Convocation.](#)

For additional information about Commencement: [Everything you need to know.](#)

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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