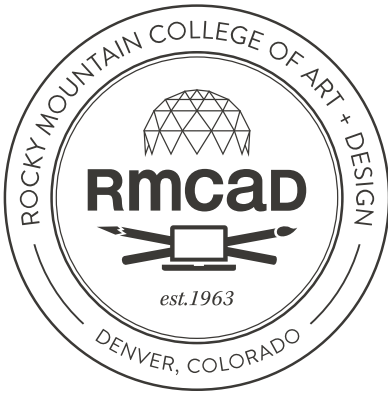


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**2026
COMMENCEMENT**

**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026
SEAWELL BALLROOM**
DENVER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



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RMCAD is an innovative, rigorous, and community-oriented global learning environment that inspires passion for critical thinking and prepares learners to be forces of change in the creative industries, our communities, and the world.

In 1963, Philip J. Steele founded Rocky Mountain School of Art as a private institution in the foothills of Colorado. His mission was to make RMCAD a ‘community of creatives’ that would instill in all students a passion for creativity, innovation, and a desire for lifelong learning—both in the fine arts and applied arts. He sought to nurture the individual talents of each student, to integrate critical thinking and analysis into their skills, and to contribute in socially responsible ways to the local, global, and professional communities.

Today, we celebrate the graduates who continue this tradition.

COMMENCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

PROCESSIONAL + PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Brent Fitch

President

OPENING REMARKS + FACULTY INTRODUCTION

Dr. Amy Smith

Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs + Provost

FACULTY SPEAKER

Ceremony 1

Crisosto Apache, MFA

Associate Professor of Liberal Arts

+ Current Colorado Poet Laureate

Ceremony 2

Dr. Becky Black

Chair of Liberal Arts

+ Associate Professor

VALEDICTORIAN INTRODUCTION

Ceremony 1

Dr. Sarah Ackermann

Associate Dean of Innovation

+ Learning, Chair of Art Education

Ceremony 2

Nicole Yang

Chair of Visual Communication Design,

Assistant Professor

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

Ceremony 1

Lucus Johnson

Art Education - Graphic Design

Ceremony 2

Solar Dunn

Illustration - Concept Art

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES + AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Brent Fitch

President

Jessica Taylor

Name Reader, Voiceover Artist

PSLI Inc.

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CLOSING REMARKS + RECESSIONAL

Brent Fitch

President

CEREMONY DETAILS

CEREMONY 1

10:00 A.M.

Programs: ART EDUCATION
 FASHION DESIGN
 FINE ARTS
 GRAPHIC DESIGN
 ILLUSTRATIVE DESIGN
 INTERIOR DESIGN

CEREMONY 2

1:30 P.M.

Programs: 2D ANIMATION
 3D ANIMATION
 GAME ART
 ILLUSTRATION
 MUSIC PRODUCTION
 PHOTOGRAPHY

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

PROGRAMS

ANIMATION

Michelle Kelley

ART EDUCATION

Dr. Sarah Ackermann

FASHION DESIGN

Stephanie Carlo

FINE ARTS

Jaime Carrejo

GAME ART

Brian Sanchez

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Nicole Yang

ILLUSTRATION

Nicole Yang

ILLUSTRATIVE DESIGN

Jay Hollick

INTERIOR DESIGN

Adam Roland

MUSIC PRODUCTION

Alex Heilner

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Shawn Loseke

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Dr. Becky Black

DEANS

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Jessica Elliott

DEAN OF ART + DESIGN

Dr. Sean Peuquet

DEAN OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Dr. Lucas Sheaffer

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF INNOVATION + LEARNING

Dr. Sarah Ackermann

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS CANDIDATES

ANIMATION

2D

Chidiebube Akotaobi *
Cristina Brooks ◦ ◦
Donlachai Bruce
Isabelle Buck *
Summer Casias
Alondra Cayme *
Abigail Chambers **
Jennifer Christenson ++
Shane Comire ++
Brisa Cutforth-Gonzalez
D Dehnel **
Fernanda Dominguez Parra ◦
Aysiah Drew ◦
Kacha Gibbs
Sydni Goodwill
Ethan Gottschalk
Hannah Grabhorn
Elias Hambey
Grace Hattendorf ++
Kesha Hayes-Thornton +
Keith Honeycutt
Jayda Jacobs **
Janai ◦ ◦
Herika Jaramillo ++
Oliver Johnson +
Casey Jones ++
Alyssa Kayser +
Alina Korol **
Kara Langworthy
Judah Litzinger
Dylan Lochner ++
Zoey Lynch
Alexandra Maestas +
Riley Melcher **
Callahan Meyer

Antwan Monroe
Elizabeth Mullins ++
William Nomany **
Oluwole Omotosho
Jenavee Puryear ++
Maya Ramirez
Cyanna Roseen
Travis Ross
Darien Russell +
Brianna Scott
Eric Thielen
Alexia West
Dalton White
Alexander Yasko

3D

MiKael Atkinson ++
Troy Carpenter *
Garrett Castaneda +
Cody Cummins
Vanessa Dynarski +
Neha Ganji +
Laurel Grant +
Jackson Gross
Denise Guerrero Moore +
Morgan Holland **
Savannah Miller +
Amanda Moroney
Gigi Watts +
Amanda Wehrmann *
Katelyn Whaley ++

ART EDUCATION

Emmalyn Downs ++
Madison Feeny ++
Lucus Johnson +
Garrett Larence **

Andrea Marsh ++
Rachelle Mriglot
Sophia Trey ++
Alexandra Vialpando

FASHION DESIGN

Nilufar Baratova ◦◦
Autumn Barron ++
Eliza Buchanan ◦◦
Ariael Celestine ++
Trevohn Crosby
Kristopher Derrick
Cameron Dunn
Aisling Higgins
Marcum Kyla ◦◦
Miles Lopez
Alexa Lutin Paniagua *
Matthew Martin
Rachel Naylor
Jenica Ortiz
Isabella Radloff
Fredera Taylor

FINE ARTS

Leo Akers +
Kim Amaya-Dunkin
Emily Bennett
Ellenor Boettner +
Caitlyn Dolphin ◦
Syila Herrera *
LeeAndra “Eckseption” Lujan **
Kira Medina ++
Hayleigh Price
Sebastian Ramirez
Tree Schiavone

GAME ART

Kierra Amaral ++
Cassidy Bailey ++
Amanda Benke
Kameron Benson
Monami Brierley ++
Conner Chance **
Bryant Costelow +
Casey Crawford **
Jocelyn DesLauriers +
Jaxson Elliott
Catherine Erwin +
Torie Forbus ◦◦
Christopher Guevara
Rowan Howe
Christian Johnson ◦
Koop Kent +
Hudson Koklas
Raj Kumaran ++
Rae Laniel
Zachary Levinson
Sam Martinez
Jay Martinho
Morgan Mitchell
Maile Nisogi
Stephanie Oberg +
Jestin Patton
Gordon Randall
Dru Sluka
Hannah “Sparrow” Thomas ++

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Zaria Belton ◦
Brandon Comer
Spencer Crandall

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Brandon Guss
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Charles Lee
Mirma Lopez °
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Philip Macchi +
Jesse McCoy
Tanasha Mitchell +
Ariana Padron **
Ursula Ramakesavan **
Jordan Rogers
Holly Rowl
Isabella Seidenfuss
Jaya Singh
Sarah Smith +
Timothy Smith Yusef

ILLUSTRATION

Cameron Barry
Jessica Barton ++
Zahnie Brown
Astrid Campos +
Sarah Carr **
Calynn Cervi +
KC Coats *
James Conner °
Brandi Covington *
Isis Cromwell
Jillian Davis
Kim Hang Doan ° °
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Megan Farmer *
Vanessa Frank +

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Kaylin Hudspeth +
Anna Johnson
Hannah Keith ++
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Camryn Lamb
Cindy Ma *
Artesia Marie *
Lindsey McClellan +
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Anna Montano ++
Cosmo Muasau ++
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Jamie Powell ++
Jadah-Lynn Rau ° °
Kialah Redmon
Loida Rivera
Dinah Rome ° °
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Quinn Slife ++
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Chantil Taylor
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Brooke Turnbull **
Marcus Vigil
Tara Wieter ++
Keith Wiley +

Kira Woods ++
Cheyenne Zona

ILLUSTRATIVE DESIGN

Courtney Berg
Jasper Biggins **
Owen Campbell
Felicity Cousins
Sarah Fischer
Reese Foster
Julia King
Juanita Sumo *
Maya Wooten

INTERIOR DESIGN

Rayeh Abu-Ghazaleh **
Ashly Barker ++
Miguel Battle
Alexis Beauchamp
Jillian Betterly +
Macey Bonk +
Kaelan Boyer ++
Sara Braden ++
Lauren Brennan +
Callyn Brock **
Brianna Carabajal +
Francesca Carbone +
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Jessica Cerise
Shailynn Charley
Alison Childress ++
Hannah Colvin
Abriel Cowan **
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Cindy Dulier
Carolina Ebrat ++
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Katie Fazilat **
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Paige Gilbert
Naomi Goodwyn ++
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Christopher Hoffman
Misty Hogue ◦◦
Whitney Hudson *
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Jacqueline Jackson ++
Amber Johnson *
Kaitlyn Juba ++
Rose Kent
Kayla Kuchel
Kathleen Lambert ++
Jessica Lane **
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Sabrina Littlehorn ++
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Sydney Mauro

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Brittany Mckinnon ++
Emma McMahon +
Amelia Metz
Jaidyn Moore Snow
Katherine Nelson
Samantha Nowicki +
Karen Partin ++
Lindsey Passin +
Brooke Patrick ++
Crystal Perez
Amanda Quintana
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Haydin Randel
Christopher Reed +
Amanda Rhodes-Johnson ++
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Melody Rubas **
Rebecca Schrader **
Nicole Seamon
Gianna Sigala ◦◦
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Mya Simpson ++
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Elizabeth Soerries ◦◦
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Kathryn Steinke +
Jasmine Stone +
Daiana Storper ++
Mya Thomas **
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Shay Valdez ◦◦

Brent Valkenhoff
Hannah Viana *
Nancy Ward
Jont'e Washington **
Ashley Xiong ++
Tanisha Yarde
Sierrah Zepeda

MUSIC PRODUCTION

Dalton DuBois ++
Ryan Mitchell ◦
Micheal Turland
Ella Turner

PHOTOGRAPHY

Rebeca Bolio Hernández ◦
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Carissa Ellison
Alexis Hoff +
Ariana Koustrup ++
Raquel Ladin **
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Julian Manzanilla **
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