

*Seventy-seventh
Commencement Exercises*

*May 10, 2025
10:30 a.m.*



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*Astrid Northrup
Professor of Engineering and Mathematics;
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Jamie Rhodes

Star Spangled Banner

WORDS: Francis Scott Key | MUSIC: John Stafford Smith

*Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

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*** Processional Northwest Graduation Brass Ensemble**
“Trumpet Voluntary”
 by Jeremiah Clarke, arranged by Walter Barnes

* **“The Star Spangled Banner”** *Northwest Graduation Brass Ensemble*
by Francis Scott Key Morgen Forbush, vocalist
arranged by John Stafford Smith

Welcome *Denise Laursen*
Northwest College Board of Trustees President

Remarks by Astrid Northrup
2025 Distinguished Faculty Service Award Recipient

Professor of Engineering & Mathematics Astrid Northrup is completing her 28th year at NWC and has served as the STEM division chair for more than a decade. During her tenure, she's helped develop the A.S. in Software Development and the B.A.S. in Professional Studies and currently serves on three state boards. Dr. Northrup earned a B.S. and M.S. in Petroleum Engineering from Montana Technological University. Most recently, she earned a Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction, with a major in Science Education and a minor in Quantitative Research Methods from the University of Wyoming. She is a registered Professional Engineer in Colorado and Wyoming.

Distinguished Alumnus Speaker *Jennifer DeWitt Walsh*

Jennifer DeWitt Walsh graduated from NWC in 1984 before earning a B.A. in History from the University of Wyoming and a B.S. in Education from MSU Billings. After working as a staff assistant on Capitol Hill, a barmaid in London, and middle school teacher in Medellin, Colombia, she completed her M.A. in Public History at Arizona State University in 1996. In 1997, Walsh joined the Foreign Service of the United States as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Diplomatic Corps. She's served in numerous overseas locations, earned multiple awards from the Department of State, and is currently the Deputy Consul General at America's largest consulate in Frankfurt, Germany.

Class of 2025 Student Speaker Haylee Bayer

Coming to Northwest College from Absarokee, Montana, Haylee Bayer is graduating with an A.A. in Art and Secondary Education. She is planning to continue her education at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, and later pursue a master's degree in art. Bayer has been an active member of Northwest College campus life by participating in the swing dance club, Campus Ventures, leading yoga, while also serving as a resident assistant. She has also served as a peer mentor for TRiO, is a member of the student activities staff, and regularly participates in art sales and shows.

Presentation of Class of 2024 David Erickson
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Burt Reynolds
Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance

Granting of Degrees. Lisa Watson

Awarding of Diplomas

Platform Escorts *Dr. Amy McKinney, Associate Professor of History;*
Chairperson of Social Science and Education Division

Elaine DeBuhr, Assistant Professor of Art;
Chairperson of Humanities and Visual and Performing Arts Division

*** Recessional Northwest Graduation Brass Ensemble**

“Trumpet Tune and Ayre”
by Henry Purcell; arranged by Walter Barnes

“Galliard Battaglia”
by Samuel Scheidt; arranged by Philip Jones

*All spectators are requested to remain
in their seats until graduates and
faculty have exited the gymnasium.*

*** Audience please stand if you are able.**

*The Northwest College Student Senate extends
its congratulations and best wishes to
each member of the Graduating Class of 2025*

Candidates for Graduation 2024–2025

Sable Sage Abeyta	AS	General Studies	Kemmerer, WY	
Christopher Agudo	AAS	Music Technology		
Julia Amman	AA	Criminal Justice	Helena, MT	
Julieta Anaya Aguilar	AA	Psychology	Jackson Hole, WY	
Morgan Dee Anderson	AS	Agriculture Business	Big Timber, MT	★
	AS	Agriculture Education		★
Cody Patrick Andrews	AA	Conservation Law Enforcement	Sonora, CA	
Victoria Esther Arnold	AA	Psychology	Cowley, WY	★
Anna J Arnold	AS	General Studies	Cowley, WY	
Jayden R Asher	ADN	Associate Degree in Nursing	Powell, WY	★
Ryal D Baldwin	AAS	Drafting Technology	Mitchell, NE	★
	CRT	Drafting Technology SC		★
Chantel J Ball	AS	General Studies	Deaver, WY	🌟 ★
Dannika Eva Barfuss	AS	Accounting	Bancroft, ID	★
Ogulbibi Batyrova	AA	General Studies	Wekilbazar, Turkmenistan	
Haylee Bayer	AA	Art	Absarokee, MT	★
	AA	Secondary Education		★
Thiago Santos Bayer	AS	General Studies	North Miami, FL	
Amber Beardall	AA	Graphic Design	Cody, WY	★
Leah Ann Beery	AS	Agriculture Education	Vida, MT	★
Madason Rae Bender	AAS	Photographic Communications	Worden, MT	★
Leslie Bigham	BAS	Professional Studies	Buffalo, SD & Powell, WY	
Cadence Jo Blankenship	AS	Animal Science	Miles City, MT	
Elizabeth Noelle Gould	BAS	Criminal Justice Studies	Ten Sleep, WY	★
Bleicher				
Harvey Thomas Malcolm	AS	General Studies	Wellingborough, United Kingdom	
Bolland				

★ = Honor graduate

🌟 = Phi Theta Kappa member

Ethan H Boone	AAS	Music Technology	Powell, WY	★
Karina R Boreen	AA	General Studies	Powell, WY	
Olivia Kay Bradley	AA	General Studies	Riverton, WY	
	AS	Pre-Physical Therapy		
Addison Margaret Ann Braten	AS	Elementary Education	Powell, WY	
Lillian Brazelton	BAS	Professional Studies	Powell, WY	★
McCayde Coleman Brown	AA	Secondary Education	Worland, WY	
Shani Denise Browning	AS	Agriculture Business	Winnett, MT	★
	AS	Agriculture – Range Management		★
Guildy Adelene Browning	AS	Agriculture Business	Big Timber, MT	★
	AAS	Agriculture – Production		★
	AS	Agriculture Education		★
Emma Rose Bucher	AA	General Studies	Powell, WY	
Jacob Daniel Buessing	AAS	Agriculture – Farm and Ranch Management	Bridger, MT	★
Calista Marie Burton	ADN	Associate Degree in Nursing	Cody, WY	
Hugo Carbonell Garcia	AS	General Studies	Valencia, Spain	★
Rand Christopher Carlson	AA	Graphic Design	Laurel, MT	
Elizabeth Jo Carver	AA	Early Childhood Education	Worland, WY	
Nicole Marie Clark	AA	Criminal Justice	Littleton, CO	✪ ★
Preston Curtis Condie	AS	Pre-Physical Therapy	Price, UT	
Meagan Victoria Davis	AAS	Business	Cody, WY	
Jose Henrique De Andrade	AS	Engineering	Powell, WY	★
	AS	Mathematics		★
Alan De Paula	AS	General Studies	Biala Podlaska, Poland	
Zechariah Glen Derby	AA	Music	Casper, WY	
	AAS	Music Technology		

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Terra R Dickerson	AAS	Business	Lovell, WY	
Hinako Doi	AS	General Studies	Ogi Saga, Japan	
	CRT	Nursing Assistant SC		
Jacob Daniel Durrant	AA	Music	Worland, WY	★
Cory Allen Dworshak	AS	Agriculture Business	Joliet, MT	
	CRT	Agriculture – Production CSC		
	AAS	Agriculture – Farm and Ranch Management		
Zoe Elizabeth Eakins	AA	Anthropology	Cody, WY	
Makenna R Eickhoff	BAS	Criminal Justice Studies	Grass Range, MT	★
Soma Enomoto	AS	General Studies	Tokyo, Japan	☼ ★
Aiur Erov	AA	Communication	Ulan-Ude Republic of Buryatia Russian Federation	
	AA	Psychology		
Juan Joseph Esquivel	AS	Pre-Physical Therapy	Cody, WY	
Tatiana Victoria Farrington	AA	Psychology	Cody, WY	☼ ★
Maddie Elise Felkins	AAS	Digital and Social Media	Lovell, WY	★
	AA	General Studies		★
Tiernan Flannery	AS	General Studies	Chicago, IL	
Morgen L Forbush	AA	Music	Rock Springs, WY	★
	AAS	Music Technology		
Emily Fowler	AAS	Photographic Communications	Cody, WY	★
Kevin David Fuchs	AAS	Business	Ten Sleep, WY	
Sienna Jo Fuller	AS	General Studies	Weston, ID	★
Kade Robert Gabrielsen	AAS	Aeronautics	Riverton, WY	★
	AAS	Business		★
Diana Carolina Galindo Idarraga	AA	Sociology	Ibague Tolima, Colombia	

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Adisyn Gamble	AS	Wildlife and Fisheries Biology & Management	Hysham, MT	
Logan J Gerhardt	AS	Agriculture – Range Management	Cody, WY	
Viggo Evan Satchel Ginest	BAS	Criminal Justice Studies	Cowley, WY	★
Mabel Ginest	BAS	Criminal Justice Studies	Lovell, WY	★
Feebee May Goffena	AAS	Photographic Communications	Roundup, MT	★
Amangeldi Goklenov	AS	Business Administration	Turkmenistan Ashgabat	
Dani L. Goncalves	AA	Criminal Justice	Worland, WY	
Tylor J Kopasky Goodell	AAS	Aeronautics	Feeding Hills, MA	★
Cori Mae Gordon	AA	Elementary Education	Cody, WY	★
Christina Elaine Greaham	BAS	Professional Studies	Powell, WY	★
Ryder James Greenman	AS	Agriculture Business	Olivet, MI	
Alexis G Grgich	AS	Allied Health	Tooele, UT	
	AS	General Studies		
Nicole Siri Groeneveld	AS	Animal Science	Winfield, Alberta Canada	
	AS	Pre-Professional Sciences		
Meryem Gultekin	AS	General Studies	Ankara, Turkey	
Anina Lara Gut	AA	Criminal Justice	Uetikon Am See	✪ ★
			Zurich, Switzerland	
Natalie Marie Hall	AA	Art	Lovell, WY	★
Sager L. Hamilton	AA	General Studies	Cody, WY	
	AAS	Photographic Communications		
Nathan Richard Harper	AAS	Welding Technology	Powell, WY	
Tomoki Hasegawa	AA	Music	Mito Ibaraki, Japan	
Koiki Hasegawa	AA	Communication	Okayama in Japan	★
Whitney Dale Herden	ADN	Associate Degree in Nursing	Belfry, MT	
Lily Ann Herzog	AS	Animal Science	Rapelje, MT	
Taryn S Hill	AAS	Photographic Communications	Montrose, CO	★

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Christopher Hiner	AA	Criminal Justice	Worland, WY	★ ★
Sabrina Hojaniazova	AA	Communication	Dashoguz, Turkmenistan	★ ★
Rhiannon Clara Huhnke	AA	English Studies	Powell, WY	
Tessa Hazel Hyland	AS	Engineering	Blenheim, New Zealand	★
	AS	Mathematics		★ ★
Xantha Alisa Jerome	AS	Early Childhood Education		★
Ashley Johnson	AS	General Studies	Cody, WY	
Kimberly Dawn Jones	ADN	Associate Degree in Nursing	Greybull, WY	
Jastin Jared Joy	AAS	Drafting Technology	Lovell, WY	
	AS	Engineering		
	AS	Mathematics		
	AS	Physics		
Jessica J Kasinger	BAS	Professional Studies	Powell, WY	★
Calvin LeeJack Kenemore	AS	General Studies	Scroggins, TX	
Weston T LaPierre	AAS	Welding Technology	Killdeer, ND	
Drew Joseph Larson	AS	Business Administration	Fort Collins, CO	★
Ivan Zaed Lee	BAS	Professional Studies	Laurel, MT	
Tara Lynn Legler	AS	Mathematics	Powell, WY	
Sydney M Legler	AS	Biology	Powell, WY	★
	AS	Pre-Professional Sciences		★
Jack Landon Lounsbury	AS	Biology	Herriman, UT	
Austyn Marie Lownds	AA	Early Childhood Education	Gillette, WY	
Ava Elizabeth Malone	AS	Animal Science	Pray, MT	
Erick Marquez	BAS	Professional Studies	Powell, WY	
Juan Daniel Mascorro Mejia	ADN	Associate Degree in Nursing	Rawlins, WY	

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Nodoka Masumoto	AS	General Studies	Fukuoka, Japan	★
Sarai Matamoros	AAS	Criminal Justice	Worland, WY	★
	CRT	Digital and Social Media SC		★
Sawyer Todd Mauthe	AA	Psychology	Powell, WY	
Lillian Loraine May	AA	General Studies	Cody, WY	
Mia Mary Maynard	AS	Allied Health	Lander, WY	★
Ozz Reyes McArthur	AS	Engineering	Lovell, WY	★
	CRT	Drafting Technology SC		★
Ashley Lynn Measles	AA	Psychology	Worland, WY	
Sarah Jean Melinkovich	AS	Allied Health	Gillette, WY	
Nicole Jennette Mickelson	AAS	Business	Lovell, WY	
Wyatt Ausk Miller	CRT	Agriculture – Production CSC	Holdingford, MN	✪ ★
	AAS	Agriculture – Production		✪ ★
	AAS	Agriculture – Farm and Ranch Management		✪ ★
RyLee Jo Mix	AS	Agriculture Education	Hinsdale, MT	
Yudai Miyake	AS	Accounting	Okayama, Japan	✪ ★
	AS	Business Administration		✪ ★
Michelle Montalvo- Hernandez	AA	Criminal Justice	Cody, WY	★
Santiago Leiva Molina	AAS	Music Technology	Costa Cundinamarca, Columbia	
Quin Zane Musgrave	AAS	Aeronautics	Indian, AK	
	AS	Outdoor Education and Recreational Leadership		
Akihiro Naito	AS	General Studies	Fukushima, Japan	★
Juliana Hope Nash	AA	Criminal Justice	Powell, WY	★
Blake Elizabeth Nissen	AAS	Drafting Technology	Powell, WY	
Naoki Ohshima	AS	General Studies	Kobe Hyogo, Japan	★

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Robby Ivan Ortega	AAS	Business	Jerome, ID	★
Jennifer L Osterkamp	AS	General Studies	Cody, WY	★
William Otto	AAS	Drafting Technology	Lander, WY	★
Eryn Rose Ourada	AAS	Business	Kemmerer, WY	★
Carl Alexander Pate	AAS	Business	Cody, WY	★
Alex Jonathan Perez	AAS	Business	Burlington, WY	
Tayva Marie Phillips	AA	Criminal Justice	Colorado Springs, CO	
Diego Pineda	AAS	Agriculture – Farm and Ranch Management	Guatemala	★
Jai'la Nicole Porter	AS	General Studies	Colorado Springs, CO	★
Amanda Neoma Price	AAS	Photographic Communications	Bozeman, MT	★
Emmylee G Reid	BAS	Criminal Justice Studies	Basin, WY	
Aili Mae George Roberson	AA	Music	Cody WY	★
Sarah Elizabeth Roberts	BAS	Criminal Justice Studies	Powell, WY	
Summer-Lily Robinson	AS	General Studies	Bristol, England	
Carolina Ruiz Molina	AS	General Studies	Madrid, Spain	
Delanie Clair Salzman	AA	Early Childhood Education	Meeteetse, WY	
Terra Lyn Sanders	AS	Accounting	Hawk Springs, WY	
Regan Elizabeth Sapp	AS	General Studies	Powell, WY	✪ ★
Cohen James Schlenker	AAS	Business	Meeteetse, WY	★
Bianca Silva	AA	General Studies	Florianpolois, Brazil	★
	CRT	Coach – Head SC		★
Dezarae Lynn Sipe	AAS	Business	Powell, WY	★
Emily D Skeens	ADN	Associate Degree in Nursing	Powell, WY	★
Theodore R Smith	AS	Agriculture – Range Management	Cody, WY	★

Kasey Smith	AS	General Studies	Stockton, England	
Jadyn Snyder	AS	General Studies	Cowley, WY	
Chris Jay Staley	AAS	Welding Technology	Cedar Fort, UT	★
Steven Stambaugh	AA	General Studies	Powell, WY	★
	AAS	Welding Technology		★
Abbie R Stucki	AA	Psychology	Riverton, WY	🌟 ★
Kallie Grace Stucki	AS	Biology	Riverton, WY	🌟 ★
Carson Summers	AAS	Drafting Technology	Cody, WY	★
Rylee Rae Swartz	AS	Agriculture Business	Big Timber, MT	
Sari Takahashi	AS	General Studies	Chofu Tokyo, Japan	★
Pressly Logann Taylor	AS	Business Administration	Boise, ID	★
Trace Theodore Robert Thompson	AAS	Music Technology	Cody, WY	
Tesloch Thong	AA	General Studies	Melbourne, Australia	
Perci Storm Tigner	AAS	Graphic Design	Basin, WY	★
Nolan Tschirgi	AS	Outdoor Education and Recreational Leadership	Ranchester, WY	🌟 ★
Selen Ucak	AS	General Studies	Istanbul, Turkey	★
Trinity Kathryne Wageman	AA	Political Science	Cody, WY	🌟
Holly Anne Ward	AA	Criminal Justice	Cody, WY	★
	AA	Political Science		★
Kassidi LeAnn Webb	AA	Criminal Justice	Rock Springs, WY	★
Jacob Henry Wells	BAS	Criminal Justice Studies	Encampment, WY	
Emileigh Grace Westbrook	AA	Criminal Justice	Cody, WY	★
Jason LaMar Winzenried	BAS	Professional Studies	Cody, WY	★

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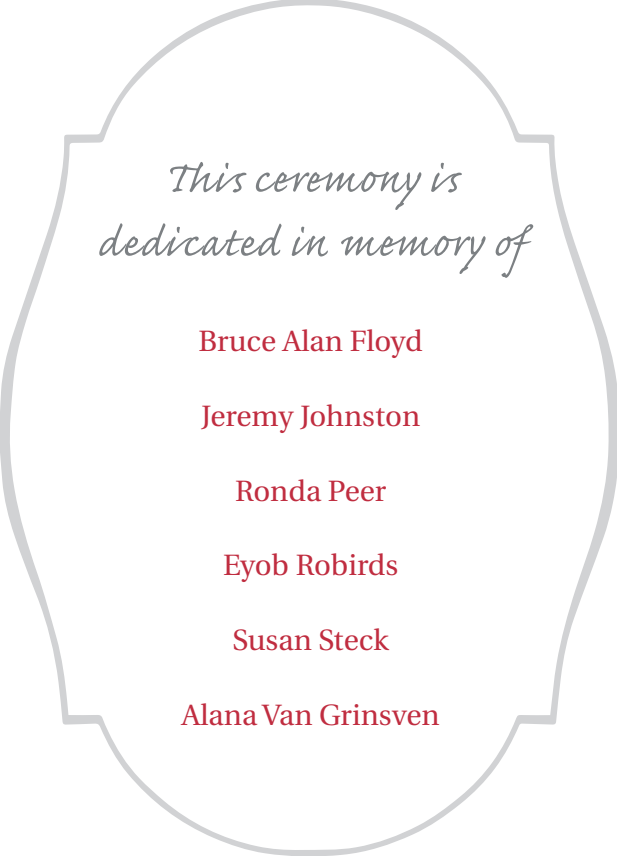
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Dalton Robert Eugene Wolsey	AA	Psychology	Lovell, WY	★
Sarah Desiree Wood	AAS	Welding Technology	Cody, WY	
Tommie Ann Zarate	AS	General Studies	Lovell, WY	✿ ★
Brijeda Lee Zuniga	AAS	Agriculture – Farm and Ranch Management	Dallas, TX	
	CRT	Agriculture – Production CSC		

Candidates listed in this program are not guaranteed a degree. When grades are processed and degree requirements have been verified, the degrees will then be officially awarded.



*This ceremony is
dedicated in memory of*

Bruce Alan Floyd

Jeremy Johnston

Ronda Peer

Eyob Robirds

Susan Steck

Alana Van Grinsven

The Academic Regalia Code

The tradition of wearing academic dress (caps, hoods, and gowns) dates back to the 1300s, when the universities of Europe designated specific costumes for their students and faculty. These costumes varied according to university, and European institutions still show a wide diversity of academic dress. American academic apparel, however, was standardized in 1895. While this standardization has been reviewed periodically, the basic code of academic costume remains.

The code specifies that gowns used in colleges and universities follow three basic designs — the bachelor's with pointed sleeves and a closed front; the master's with oblong sleeves open at the wrist and a closed or open front; the doctor's with bellshaped sleeves and a closed or open front. All gowns for bachelor's degrees or above are black, although the bands of velvet which adorn the doctor's robe may be the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains. The colors in the hoods are the official colors of the institution from which the degree was conferred.

The color of the velvet edging of the hood (and, optionally, of the tassel on the cap and of the velvet trim on the doctor's gown) is associated with the subject area in which the degree was taken. Examples of these colors follow:

<i>Agriculture.</i>	<i>Maize</i>
<i>Arts, Letters, Humanities, Literature</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Commerce, Accountancy, Business</i>	<i>Drab</i>
<i>Communication, Journalism</i>	<i>Crimson</i>
<i>Economics</i>	<i>Copper</i>
<i>Education, Counseling, Guidance.</i>	<i>Light Blue</i>
<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Orange</i>
<i>Fine Arts, including architecture</i>	<i>Brown</i>
<i>Forestry.</i>	<i>Russet</i>
<i>Law</i>	<i>Purple</i>
<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Library Science</i>	<i>Lemon</i>
<i>Medicine</i>	<i>Green</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Pink</i>
<i>Nursing</i>	<i>Apricot</i>
<i>Pharmacy</i>	<i>Olive Green</i>
<i>Philosophy.</i>	<i>Royal Blue</i>
<i>Physical Education.</i>	<i>Sage Green</i>
<i>Political Science, History</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Public Administration, including Foreign Service</i>	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
<i>Public Health</i>	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Golden Yellow</i>
<i>Social Work</i>	<i>Citron</i>
<i>Theology</i>	<i>Scarlet</i>

It is possible, then, to determine from the academic dress the college attended, the degree awarded, and the area in which the degree was earned.



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