



GRADUATES
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SPRING 2025



MONTANA
TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
BUTTE, MT | MAY 10, 2025

PROGRAM OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PLATFORM PARTY

Dr. Les Cook, *Chancellor*

Dr. Tim Elgren, *Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Provost*

Dr. Angela Lueking, *Vice Chancellor for Research/Dean of the Graduate School*

Ron Muffick, *Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance*

Dr. Joe Cooper, *Vice Provost for Student Success and Dean of Students*

Karen VanDaveer, *Dean of Highlands College*

Dr. Jack Skinner, *Interim Dean of the Lance College of Mines & Engineering*

Dr. Michele Hardy, *Dean of the College of Letters, Sciences & Professional Studies*

Leslie Dickerson, *Executive Director of Admissions & Enrollment*

Ryan Lance, *Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ConocoPhillips*

Cody Skibsted, *Electrical Engineering*

The audience is requested to stand for the processional and remain standing for the singing of the national anthem.

Pomp and Circumstance

Written by Edward Elgar

Performed by the Montana Tech Band

Directed by Ben Morris

The Star-Spangled Banner

Written by Francis Scott Key

Performed by Heather Lingle

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Les Cook

REMARKS FROM THE MONTANA TECH STUDENT BODY

Cody Skibsted, *Electrical Engineering '25*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ryan Lance, *Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ConocoPhillips*

Montana Technological University Petroleum Engineering 1984

PRESENTATION AND CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Graduate School

Doctor of Philosophy

Master's Degrees and Graduate Certificates

Dr. Angela Lueking

Lance College of Mines and Engineering

Dr. Jack Skinner

College of Letters, Sciences & Professional Studies

Dr. Michele Hardy

Highlands College Certificates & Associate Degrees

Karen VanDaveer

The audience is requested to stand for the recessional.

"The Anaconda Copper Mines Band March"

Written by Roland Seitz

Performed by the Montana Tech Band

Directed by Ben Morris

Flute: McKenzie Esplin and Sheila O'Neill

Clarinet: Jay Yoder

Tenor Saxophone: Shyanna Harman

Trumpet: J.P. LeTourneau

Bass: Cooper Hines



Immediately following the ceremony, the graduate recession will conclude at the Student Success Center. We invite all families and guests to greet their graduates there for a reception.

STUDENT AWARDS

Bachelor of Science Valedictorians

Emaleigh Cimorelli, *Nursing*

Ethan Heggem, *Mechanical Engineering*

Justin Morgan, *Electrical Engineering*

Dawson Roesti, *Biological Sciences*

Challis Westwater, *Biological Sciences*

Associate of Applied Science Valedictorians

Abbey Hanni, *Radiologic Technology*

Grace Horton, *Radiologic Technology*

Highest Scholastic Standing in Arts & Sciences Awardees

Emaleigh Cimorelli, *Nursing*

Dawson Roesti, *Biological Sciences*

Challis Westwater, *Biological Sciences*

Chester H. Steele Award

Arlo Eades, *Mining Engineering*

Ethan Heggem, *Mechanical Engineering*

Justin Morgan, *Electrical Engineering*

Student Employee of the Year
Dylan Baldwin, *Software Engineering*

Student Veteran of the Year
Travis Schroeder, *Mechanical Engineering*

Montana Student Volunteer Award
Malachi Warneke, *Civil Engineering*

Montana Society of Engineers Gold Medal Award
Ethan Heggem, *Mechanical Engineering*

Outstanding Student Department Awards
Amira Bolton, *Business*
Katherine Bonsell, *Geological Engineering*
Halle Cogley, *Environmental Engineering*
Arlo Eades, *Mining Engineering*
Dylan Good, *Software Engineering*
Sharlei Graham-Bernisto, *Radiologic Technology*
Rilee Green Draper, *Civil Engineering*
Evan Guengerich, *Mechanical Engineering*
Macey Havens, *Associate of Science*
Shaena Jackson, *Petroleum Engineering*
Abigail Johnson, *Welding Technology and Metals Fabrication*
Jenna Jordan, *Chemistry & Geochemistry*
Klayton Kovatch, *Precision Machining Technology*
Taylor Liva, *Exercise and Health Science*
Russell Martello, *Civil Engineering Technology*
Rob McGilvray, *Pre-Apprentice Line*
Rylee Mitchell, *Construction Management*
Justin Morgan, *Electrical Engineering*
Maggee Nielsen, *Nursing*
Taylor Nielsen, *Metallurgical and Materials Engineering*
Garrett Pruttis, *Networking & Cybersecurity*
Anthony Ray, *Interdisciplinary Arts and Science*
Ethan Schlepp, *Computer Science*
Rylan Signalness, *Safety, Health and Industrial Hygiene*
Jacob Sriraman, *Mathematical Sciences*
Jacob Sriraman, *Data Science*
Michael Ure, *Writing*
Cody West, *Automotive Technology*
Challis Westwater, *Biological Sciences*
Zach Young, *Construction Technology-Carpentry*

Charlie Oredigger Champion of Character Awards
Evan Guengerich
Madeline Thomas
Dr. Douglas Galarus

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES 2025

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Philosophy Earth Science and Engineering

Celine Beaucamp	Dillon, MT
Ninad Bhagwat	Dombivali, India
Paul Helfrich	Mammoth, WY

Doctor of Philosophy Materials Science

Jannette Chorney	Butte, MT
Katie Schumacher	Kalispell, MT

Master's Degrees and Graduate Certificates

Master of Project Engineering & Management

Frederick Heinrichs	Belgrade, MT	
Brandon Quinn	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Garrett Strine	Thompson Falls, MT	

Master of Science Ecological Restoration

Taleigh Adrian	Hill City, SD	Highest Honor
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Master of Science Electrical Engineering

Joshua Afosa-Baffoe	Nkoranza, Ghana
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Master of Science Environmental Engineering

Johannes Chandler	Absarokee, MT	
Alyssa Plant	Helena, MT	Highest Honor
Benjamin Schreiber	Stevensville, MT	Highest Honor

Master of Science General Engineering

Layton Bahnmler	Big Sandy, MT
Jefferson Guthrie	Spring Creek, NV

Master of Science Geological Engineering

Sarah Garland	Ennis, MT	
Madison Haydn-Myer	Rocklin, CA	Highest Honor

Master of Science Geoscience

Yihuan Gao	Butte, MT	
Natalie Kilanowski-Doroh	Rochester, MI	Highest Honor
Everett LaBudda	Lancaster, WI	
Tea Rainey	Hall, MT	
Tage Young	Savannah, MO	

Master of Science Industrial Hygiene

Andrew Almos	Great Falls, MT	
Emily Baldwin	Roseville, CA	Highest Honor
Tyler Belnap	Pocatello, ID	
Megan Benton	Billings, MT	
Baylee Bolton	Butte, MT	
Staphany Echeverria	Las Vegas, NV	
Joshua Greenberg 	Los Angeles, CA	
Karlee Harper	Austin, TX	
Ryan Hill	Bryan, OH	Highest Honor
Jeffery Hopson	Chicago, IL	
Holden Jones	Idaho Falls, ID	Highest Honor
Ashley Kendrick	Bay Minette, AL	
Joseph Lee	Chatham, IL	
Kayla Lesperance	Loveland, CO	
Olivia Musselman	North Platte, NE	
Logan Robinson	Agra, KS	
Robert Streets	Elk Garden, WV	
Jacob Vetter	Butte, MT	
Bryce Vlach	Stockton, CA	
Melissa Weekley	Las Vegas, NV	

Master of Science Interdisciplinary Studies

Richard Vasquez	Kalispell, MT
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Master of Science Materials Science & Engineering

Emma Carvo	Idaho Falls, ID
Emily Maynard	Fairbanks, AK

Master of Science Metallurgical & Mineral Processing Engineering

Abdul Mamudu	Obuasi, Ghana
Heidi Steiger	Butte, MT

Master of Science Mining Engineering

Mckoy Gebhardt	Helena, MT	Highest Honor
Claire Mbia Bounougou	Yaoundé, Cameroon	

Master of Science Petroleum Engineering

Noel Dapilee	Tizza, Ghana	Highest Honor
Umaer Abdullah Zaki	Dhaka, Bangladesh	

Graduate Certificate Restoration

Catherine Mulholland	Billings, MT
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Graduate Certificate Unmanned Aerial Systems

Claire Mbia Bounougou	Yaoundé, Cameroon
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LANCE COLLEGE OF MINES & ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering

Connor Brandt	Helena, MT	Honor
Samuel Collins	Great Falls, MT	Highest Honor
Rilee Draper	Hardin, MT	Honor
Zane Hansen	Three Forks, MT	
Ian Johnson	Bonner, MT	
William Knierim	Glasgow, MT	Highest Honor
Cooper Kosel	Jamestown, ND	Highest Honor
Rowdy Lamb	Deer Lodge, MT	Highest Honor
Makenna Liles	Florence, MT	
Christopher McIndoe	Spokane, WA	
Jade Morast	Dillon, MT	
Tanner Pendergast	Stevensville, MT	
Matthew Rife	Roy, MT	Honor
Ethan Smartnick	Boulder, MT	Highest Honor
Seth Trumm	Kila, MT	
Malachi Warneke	Billings, MT	Honor
Keegan Widhalm	Valier, MT	Honor

Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity & Network Administration

Roelof Botha	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Russell Cockhill	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Kenneth Curran	South Hamilton, MA	
Shae Fan	Three Forks, MT	Highest Honor
Chason Fenton	Park City, MT	Highest Honor
John Hamry	Butte, MT	Highest Honor

Kaley Lightner	Helena, MT	Honor
Ryley McLaughlin	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Garrett Pruttis	Chinook, MT	Honor
Jacob Stockwell	Red Lodge, MT	Highest Honor
Brendan Wing	Belt, MT	

Bachelor of Science Computer Science

Dylan Good	Chester, MT	Highest Honor
Ryan Hessler	Anaconda, MT	Honor
Maverick Owens	Libby, MT	
Sequoia Pflug	Anaconda, MT	Highest Honor
Ethan Schlepp	White Sulphur Springs, MT	Highest Honor

Bachelor of Science Construction Management

Rylee Mitchell	Great Falls, MT	
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Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering

Yolanda Antonio-L	Forsyth, MT	Honor
John Berryman	Butte, MT	
Justin Dietz	Butte, MT	Honor
Daniel Difort	Missoula, MT	Honor
Garrett Dostal	Billings, MT	
Jace Hereim	Billings, MT	Honor
Justin Morgan 	Thompson Falls, MT	Highest Honor
Dorian Obergfell	Sidney, MT	
Tyler Reopelle	Butte, MT	
Benjamin Richardson	Missoula, MT	
Ryan Rychner	Ekalaka, MT	Highest Honor
Cody Skibsted 	Alberton, MT	Honor

Bachelor of Science Environmental Engineering

Keenan Cassidy	Idaho Falls, ID	
Halle Cogley	Challis, ID	Highest Honor
Jared Kingston	Butte, MT	
Leila Shoemake	Polson, MT	Honor
Quinn Springer	Havre, MT	Highest Honor
Nickolas Thieme	Cardwell, MT	

Bachelor of Science Geological Engineering

Katherine Bonsell	Goleta, CA	Highest Honor
Brian Shapiro	Pawling, NY	

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

Chase Benner	Libby, MT	
Jack Boone	Butte, MT	Honor
Bryan Brown	Hamilton, MT	
Caden Caywood	Tenday, ID	Highest Honor
Logan Cox	Calgary, AB, Canada	Honor
Blake Drakos	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Kane Ekle	Laurel, MT	
Brockton Foss	Poulsbo, WA	Highest Honor
Evan Guengerich	Gardiner, MT	Honor
Ethan Heggem	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Aaron Hurley	Great Falls, MT	Highest Honor
Sara Nehring	Monte Vista, CO	Honor
Nathan Ostwald	Thompson Falls, MT	Highest Honor
Lucas Oxtoby	Calgary, AB, Canada	Honor
James Peterson	Great Falls, MT	Honor
Darren Ray	Redding, CA	Highest Honor
Logan Solterbeck	Emmett, ID	Honor
Ryan Weston	Lakeside, MT	
James Wetmore 	Park City, MT	Highest Honor

Bachelor of Science Metallurgical & Materials Engineering

Abigail Clark	Fort Benton, MT	Highest Honor
Taylor Nielsen	Ridgefield, WA	Highest Honor

Bachelor of Science Mining Engineering

Kodis Campbell	Elko, NV	Honor
Sam De Melo	Kelowna, Canada	Honor
Arlo Eades	McArthur, CA	Highest Honor
Presten Ehrlich	Roberts, MT	
Blake Seubert	Cheney, WA	Honor
Hugo Tremblay-Pierre	Beloeil, Canada	Honor

Bachelor of Science Occupational Safety & Health

Samantha Benson	Billings, MT	Honor
Cody Hays 	Pleasant Hill, CA	
Samantha Moore	Big Timber, MT	Honor
Olivia Musselman	North Platte, NE	Honor
Rylan Ruscheinsky	Butte, MT	Honor
Rylan Signalness 	Fairfield, MT	Honor
Gabriel Witham	Helena, MT	

Bachelor of Science Petroleum Engineering

Colter Barta	Manhattan, MT	Honor
Mackenzie Cook	Halifax, PA	Highest Honor
Aaron Geisser	Townsend, MT	Highest Honor
Shaena Jackson	Edmonton, AB, Canada	Highest Honor
Kyle Mitchell	Wasilla, AK	Highest Honor
Junior Tankam	Yaoundé, Cameroon	
Harrison Walund	Spring Creek, NV	Honor

Bachelor of Science Software Engineering

Dylan Good	Chester, MT	Highest Honor
Seth Gutierrez	Ulm, MT	
Sequoia Pflug	Anaconda, MT	Highest Honor

Certificate of Technical Studies, Unmanned Aerial Systems

Katherine Bonsell	Goleta, CA
Justin Dietz	Butte, MT
Russell Martello	Great Falls, MT
Benjamin Richardson	Missoula, MT

COLLEGE OF LETTERS, SCIENCES, & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Applied Science Biology

Meaghan Decker	Butte, MT	Honor
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Bachelor of Applied Science Business

Rhett Bailey	Circle, MT	
Colter Bales	Laurel, MT	Honor
Kara Burckhard	Helena, MT	
Bridger Deden	Missoula, MT	
Seth Gardner	Butte, MT	
Becky Hartill	Montana City, MT	Honor
Chase Hinckley	Billings, MT	
Amanda Peterson	East Helena, MT	Highest Honor
Anna Puckett	Berthoud, CO	Honor
Raquel St John	Butte, MT	
Wyatt Tschacher	Laurel, MT	
Thomas Walkup	Bozeman, MT	Honor

Bachelor of Science Biological Sciences

Riley Anderson	Dillon, MT	
Lily Di Brouch	Cut Bank, MT	Honor
Natyia Dejohn	Dillon, MT	Honor
Jody Detlaff	Thompson Falls, MT	Honor
Addison Hansen	Butte, MT	Honor
Ryal Kub	Gillette, WY	
Caleb Lashway	Antananarivo, Madagascar	Highest Honor
Kinsey Lechner	Worden, MT	Honor
Zayne Miller	Butte, MT	
Aubrie Rademacher	Kalispell, MT	Honor
Dawson Roesti	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Olleca Severson	Manhattan, MT	Highest Honor
Aubrey Teller	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Jade Uriarte	Stevensville, MT	
Aidan Vlasaty	Seattle, WA	
Kia Wasson	Whitewater, MT	Honor
Challis Westwater	Missoula, MT	Highest Honor

Bachelor of Science Business & Information Technology

Hannalise Anderson	Billings, MT	Honor
Maximus Anderson	Kalispell, MT	Honor
Keeley Bake	Fairfield, MT	
Zackery Bennett	Billings, MT	Honor
Amira Bolton	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Lucinda Connors	Butte, MT	
Quinn Gannon	Belgrade, MT	Honor
Damon Hannum	Chinook, MT	Honor
Zachry Kinyon	Harlem, MT	Honor
Abigail Massar	Park City, MT	Honor
Ifeanyi Okeke	Ranchero Cucamonga, CA	Honor
Nicholas Pasquarello	Billings, MT	Honor
Kennason Patrick	Butte, MT	
Seth Reighard	Butte, MT	
Jonathan Resendiz Guerrero	West Yellowstone, MT	
Jonathan Schoof	Helena, MT	
Carlie Spear	Butte, MT	
Ben Swanson	Helena, MT	
Taylor Torgerson	Great Falls, MT	

Bachelor of Science Chemistry

Taylinn Garrett	Butte, MT	Honor
Jenna Jordan	Corvallis, MT	Highest Honor
Thea McCurdy	Missoula, MT	Honor
Hailee Stiles	Clancy, MT	Honor

Bachelor of Science Data Science

Jacob Sriraman	Missoula, MT	Highest Honor
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Bachelor of Science Exercise & Health Science

Kyler Bake	Fairfield, MT	Honor
Ava Bentz	Bozeman, MT	Highest Honor
Franchi Ceartin	Bozeman, MT	Highest Honor
Tanner Compton-Petersen	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Mackenzie Davis	Gallatin Canyon, MT	Honor
Sarah Gorman	Elko, MT	Honor
Jonathon Hansen	Colbert, WA	Honor
Tyler Kombel	Melstone, MT	Highest Honor
Taylor Liva 	Butte, MT	Honor
Austin Purcell	Laurel, MT	
Jesse Selting	Fairview, MT	Highest Honor
Jack Thomson	Redmond, WA	Honor
Alexis Umland	Lolo, MT	Honor
Matthew Whitcomb	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Highest Honor

Bachelor of Science Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences

Samuel Brown	Helena, MT	Honor
Olivia LaBeau	Billings, MT	Highest Honor
Camdyn LaRance	Missoula, MT	
Anthony Ray	Miles City, MT	Honor

Bachelor of Science Mathematical Sciences

Paul Cornish	Kalispell, MT	Honor
Erin Hennelly	Butte, MT	
Shelby Schweigert	Fairfield, MT	
Jacob Sriraman	Missoula, MT	Highest Honor

Bachelor of Science Nursing

Jeena Alborano	Sunburst, MT	Honor
Ginny Berryman	Butte, MT	
Emaleigh Cimorelli	Deer Lodge, MT	Highest Honor
Rebecca Emter	Clancy, MT	Honor
Patrick Galle	Anaconda, MT	Honor

Taylor Harrington	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Abigail Hecker	Wibaux, MT	Highest Honor
Emma Huffman	Townsend, MT	Honor
Kelsey Kolman	Butte, MT	
Cady Lanzel	Lolo, MT	Highest Honor
Ethan Lenegar	Dillon, MT	Honor
Jenna Ley	Huntley, MT	Honor
Macy Mayer	Bozeman, MT	Highest Honor
Sidney Meeks	Malta, MT	Honor
Claire Miller	Anaconda, MT	Honor
Margaret Nielsen	Butte, MT	Honor
Darby Perrenoud	Lima, MT	Highest Honor
Emily Ratz	Missoula, MT	Honor
Megan Savage	Butte, MT	Honor
Nacole Sestrich	Butte, MT	Highest Honor
Isaac Sholey	Butte, MT	Honor
Cierra Sundheim	Billings, MT	Highest Honor
Aislinn Wright	Butte, MT	Highest Honor

Certificate of Completion SAP Student Recognition Award

Hannalise Anderson	Billings, MT
Maximus Anderson	Kalispell, MT
Zackery Bennett	Billings, MT
Amira Bolton	Butte, MT
Lucinda Connors	Butte, MT
Zachry Kinyon	Harlem, MT
Nicholas Pasquarello	Billings, MT
Kennason Patrick	Butte, MT
Jonathan Schoof	Helena, MT
Carlie Spear	Butte, MT

Certificate of Technical Studies Restoration

Halle Cogley	Challis, ID
Caleb Lashway	Antananarivo, Madagascar

HIGHLANDS COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science Automotive Technology

Jaiden Comes At Night	Heart Butte, MT	Honor
Blake DuBois	Whitehall, MT	
Skylar Freze	Anaconda, MT	

Tristan Hanson	Polson, MT	
Carson Komac	Eureka, MT	Honor
Samuel Morris	Bozeman, MT	Honor
Riley Smith	Forks, WA	Honor
Cody West	Bozeman, MT	Honor
Carsyn Wright	Council, ID	

Associate of Applied Science Civil Engineering Technology

Ashton Campbell	Absarokee, MT	
Russell Martello	Great Falls, MT	Highest Honor
Caden Ogle	White Sulphur Springs, MT	Highest Honor

Associate of Applied Science Computer Networks & Cybersecurity

Kyle Bigart	Butte, MT	
Dylon Boggess	Butte, MT	Honor
Dakota Brown	Circle, MT	
Howard Edison	Superior, MT	

Associate of Applied Science Construction Technology-Carpentry

Wyatt Alexander	Whitehall, MT	
Isaiah Allik	Charlo, MT	
Tel Arthur	Frenchtown, MT	Honor
Andruw Brester	Billings, MT	
Michael Deleon	Billings, MT	
Jared Edwards 	Aurora, CO	Honor
Luke Garrison	Divide, MT	
Kenzie Hugulet	Whitehall, MT	
Dillon Jewett	Kalispell, MT	Honor
Gauge Kruzich	Ramsay, MT	
Tyson Lerwill	Rexbury, ID	Honor
Wyatt Mullaney	Butte, MT	
Colten Rice	Florence, MT	Honor
Alexander Sampson	Helena, MT	
Justin Terry	Helena, MT	Highest Honor
Evan Winkler	Billings, MT	
Zachary Young	Queen Creek, AZ	
Caden Zalvski	Florence, MT	

Associate of Applied Science Machining Technology

Klayton Kovatch	Seeley Lake, MT	Highest Honor
Cameron Nix	Erie, CO	
Benjamin Steine 	Butte, MT	Highest Honor

Associate of Applied Science Metals Fabrication

Cooper Burrows	Hamilton, MT
Abigail Johnson	Anaconda, MT
Joseph Parrish	La Vernia, TX

Associate of Applied Science Web Development and Administration

Chason Fenton	Park City, MT	Highest Honor
Jacob Stockwell	Red Lodge, MT	Highest Honor

Associate of Applied Science Welding Technology

Trace Fletcher	Republic, WA
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Associate of Science

Jamie Bento	Butte, MT	
Melissa Cowden	Butte, MT	Honor
Reed Hammontree	Hobson, MT	
Macey Havens	East Helena, MT	Honor
Katie Montgomery	Anaconda, MT	Honor

Certificate of Applied Science Machining Technology

Abigail Johnson	Anaconda, MT
Elliot Noble-Samonas	Friday Harbor, WA

Certificate of Applied Science Pre-Apprentice Line Program

Aiden Alexander	Hamilton, MT
Whitney Anderson	Missoula, MT
Ezekiel Arledge	Missoula, MT
Jacob Beattie	Billings, MT
Cole Bugni	Butte, MT
William Clark	Columbus, MT
Cash Coleman	Port Angeles, WA
Davyan DeRoche	Browning, MT
Evangelo DeRoche	Browning, MT
Michael Diefenderfer	Whitehall, MT
Trey Driscoll	Butte, MT
Malachi Emmons	Butte, MT
Hunter Goodman	Columbia Falls, MT
Lance Hamblin	Kalispell, MT
Ayden Herd	Missoula, MT
Blake Hill	Maybell, CO
Hunter Hoerner	Columbia Falls, MT
Jonas Horn	Heart Butte, MT
Gustav Hunter	Stevensville, MT

Levi Jaskar	Stevensville, MT
Tyler Kastner	Belgrade, MT
Tanner Keith	Butte, MT
Joseph Kerbis	Anaconda, MT
Robin McGilvray	Kalispell, MT
Michael Owens	Kalispell, MT
Aikman Parkinson	Billings, MT
Ryan Plumb	Kennewick, WA
Dylan Porrovecchio	Bigfork, MT
Ryan Radosevich	Missoula, MT
Mark Robison	Columbia Falls, MT
Jace Samsel	Butte, MT
Tommy Sawyer	Anaconda, MT
Austin Schabel	Kalispell, MT
Nick Tessier	Trout Creek, MT
Jacob Yaskus	Stevensville, MT

Certificate of Applied Science Welding Technology

Abigail Johnson	Anaconda, MT
Garet Lessley	Lima, MT

Certificate of Completion Commercial Truck Driver

Jarron Henrich	Helena, MT
Leighton LaFromboise	Helena, MT
Cannon Laliberty	Montana City, MT
Andrew Mosher	Jefferson City, MT
Dylan Stevens	Helena, MT
Benjamin Werner	Helena, MT

Certificate of Completion Foundations of Health Care

Leila Anderson	Butte, MT
Isabella Babb	Butte, MT
Jocelynn Birch	Anaconda, MT
Kaidence Birch	Anaconda, MT
Giana Chor	Anaconda, MT
Emerson Eckhardt	Billings, MT
Analeece Frederickson	Livingston, MT
Jazzmin Fugere	Culbertson, MT
Ashlee Gilbertson	Deer Lodge, MT
Isabelle Gonzales	Billings, MT
River He Does It	Billings, MT

Addelei Hiatt	Butte, MT
Torri Hintz	Anaconda, MT
Morghan Kelley	Billings, MT
Jayden Lindgren	Billings, MT
Brooklyn Martell	Billings, MT
Chasey Mccarthy	Butte, MT
Ainsley McFarland	Billings, MT
Dakota Moore	Butte, MT
Molly Neff	Billings, MT
Cora Norman	Billings, MT
Landess O'Dea	Livingston, MT
Camille Poncin	Pray, MT
Roraleigh Rasmussen	Boulder, MT
Liliana Roscelli	Clancy, MT
Madison Shoemaker	Butte, MT
Marcus Shutey	Butte, MT
Samantha Steadman	Butte, MT
Kale Strozewski	Boulder, MT
Glory Tietje	Helena, MT
Ariana Walls	Billings, MT
Lauren Watson	Billings, MT
ToriAnn Wight	Billings, MT
Quinci Wood	Livingston, MT

Certificate of Technical Studies Land Surveying

Ashton Campbell	Absarokee, MT
Russell Martello	Great Falls, MT

Certificate of Technical Studies Machining Technology

Abigail Johnson	Anaconda, MT
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Certificate of Technical Studies Welding Technology

Abigail Johnson	Anaconda, MT
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Certificate Program General Studies

Chase Lamach	Helena, MT
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Notes Veterans and/or Active Duty Members 

Notes Honors Program Scholar 

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Ryan M. Lance has served as chairman and chief executive officer of ConocoPhillips, one of the world's leading exploration and production companies, since 2012.

Ryan is a petroleum engineer with four decades of oil and natural gas industry experience in senior management and technical positions with ConocoPhillips, predecessor Phillips Petroleum and various divisions of ARCO. His past ConocoPhillips executive assignments included responsibility for international exploration and production, regional responsibility at various times for Asia, Africa, the Middle East and North America, and responsibility for technology, major projects, downstream strategy, integration and specialty functions.

Externally, Ryan is a board member of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and a trustee of both the George and Barbara Bush Foundation and PGA Reach. He is also an advocate for charities benefiting youth through his service on the board of Spindletop International. He is former chairman of the American Petroleum Institute currently serving on its Executive Committee, and currently Vice Chair of the National Petroleum Council and on the Business Roundtable Board.

Ryan is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering from Montana Technological University in Butte in 1984.

STUDENT SPEAKER



A Montana native with a strong foundation in electrical systems, **Cody Skibsted** served six years in the Navy maintaining combat aircraft. Transitioning to civilian life, he worked on firefighting air tankers in Missoula before leveraging his extensive aircraft electrical expertise to pursue a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering (Spring 2025) and master's degrees in electrical engineering and project engineering and management (in progress) at Montana Tech. Outside of his academic pursuits, Cody and his wife enjoy time on the river and connecting with family and friends.

EARLY IMPACT AWARDEES

The Early Impact Alumni Award is given to Montana Technological University alumni who have already made a lasting impact to their community, Montana Tech, and their profession. This award celebrates alumni who have made an early impact after graduation and shown tremendous potential in their professional field. Awardees are great examples to current students at Montana Tech that their potential with a world-class education from Montana Technological University is limitless.



Brianne McClafferty, a Butte native, earned her B.S. in Business and Information Technology-Management from Montana Tech in 2012, where she was a standout on the women's basketball team and received the Dr. Leroy Walker Champion of Character Award. She went on to earn her J.D. from the University of Montana in 2015, clerking for U.S. District Judge Brian Morris.

McClafferty joined Holland & Hart, LLP in 2016, specializing in complex litigation, and became a partner and administrative partner of the firm's Billings office in 2024. She currently lives in Billings with her husband, Michael Hawbaker.



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A dedicated volunteer within SME, Gow currently serves as an intern for the SME Board of Directors. In 2023, Gow received the Ivan B. Rahn Education Award, which recognizes distinguished contributions to the educational activities within SME and is open to all SME members who have shown long-term interest in and have significantly contributed to SME activities relating to ABET, student affairs, continuing education, professional registration, and/or the Council of Education.

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