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>> Gathering today we take time to be present with each other. As we lift up some of the countless ways we have excelled, shined as a community. Knowing that these accomplishments are only a few of the stories we could tell. As we continuously open to the movement of life ever unfolding within and all around us. And as we do so, may we honor what is recognized, our dedication, and determination. May we honor what is unrecognized, trusting our own knowing. And may we honor our growth allowing ourselves space to reflect, remembering that our worth is inherent. And that is simply in our doing and achieving as we have compassion and humility with ourselves and each other, celebrating our community today. May it be so. >> Han Mitakuyepi. Tanyan wachiyanke. Nawa Tirastapihat

## Tarachixrihu taraku tiri.

Hello relatives and all of you who are here. It is good to see you! You may know that the Pikes Peak Region, and the land upon which Colorado College is built, is the ancestral homeland of the NUCHE also known as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. Other Nations with historical, cultural, and spiritual ties with this land are: HAYSIN DAYIN or the Jicarilla, Apache HINONO'EITEEN or Arapaho TSITSISTAS or Cheyenne NUMINU or Comanche K'OYGU or Kiowa and My Nation, the PARI or Pawnee. We acknowledge the resilience of Indigenous People, continuing to speak or learn our languages, And learn them. Practice our spirituality, and keeping our traditions alive through art, ceremonies, song, and food while adapting to the ever-changing world around us, despite historical traumas. Land acknowledgments are not a new practice developed by colonial institutions such as Colorado College. Land acknowledgement is a traditional custom dating back centuries for many Native communities and nations. Acknowledgement is one way to prevent the erasure of Indigenous histories and a move towards understanding. Congratulations to all of you who are here today to be recognized and honored for your exceptional achievements. Tunkashila Wokia Nechukte -Mitakuye Oyasin.

>> Hi everybody! Thanks for being here. I'm Joshua McFeeters, the president of Blue Key Honor Society, and I'm super happy and excited to welcome you to this year's Honors Convocation. I am honored to be the one to kick off this ceremony and celebrate all of the amazing student, faculty, and alumni achievements this year. I'd like to acknowledge the work done that made this event possible in the first place. Thank you to the Academic Events Committee in partnership with Ashely Nicholas, the college events office, and the faculty and staff who took time to nominate and select the student honorees, as well as the Colorado College student government for organizing the faculty award. Additionally, on behalf of the students, staff, and faculty here at CC, I would like to thank all of the donors who support the college and its mission and make these awards possible. As we know, the block plan is certainly not easy. Condensing a semester's worth of material into just three and a half weeks makes for an incredibly intensive experience just on its own, and then we do more, and more on top of that, and in this process I've been able to see such a thriving community and culture here at Colorado College that I am so honored to be a part of. From events like the drag show (organized by our lovely Butler center), the various student-organized events such as Dance Workshop and the fashion show, and so many more

individual clubs and organizations dedicated to service and outreach, we can really see what really makes the block plan work: The people here. At least for me, I truly would not be able to stand here today without the support of my fellow peers, friends, and faculty that I've gotten to know and who've supported me throughout my time here at CC. With this in mind, I think it is all the more important to recognize all of your accomplishments. In a world marked by ever increasing uncertainty, taking the time to uplift members of our local community is only more and more important. As a member of the class of 2025, I feel compelled to think about how we will continue to engage with the world moving forward as we move beyond our own world here. And this ceremony is exciting and important in being able to recognize and honor all of the achievements and contributions made by all of the amazing people here, and it's my hope that we can reflect not only on how far we have all come, but also view this moment as a catalyst that will inspire us to continue to fight for a free, a just, and an equitable future moving forward. With all that in mind, let's get the ball rolling! Thank you.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Good morning. I am pleased to announce this year's winners of the department of anthropology's awards. The H. Marie award honors an outstanding senior in anthropology that has demonstrated leadership, high academic achievement and an excellent capstone paper. This year's awardee has demonstrated all these qualities standing out for her leadership and community building in her student anthropological society. Her engagement outside the department through conference and exhibition work and her excellent capstone paper, baking bridges, bread traditions, interpersonal bonding in Sweden. Please help me to congratulate Molly. The Cusick Memorial Prize honors Courtney Cusick for his thesis, this year's Courtney Cusick memorial prize winner is Jaime H.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Congratulations again to both of our awardees.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Good morning everyone, my name is Jamelle, I'm presenting the awards for the studio art department. My first award is the outstanding senior capstone award in art studio. Which celebrates the outstanding achievement of studio art majors. And their senior thesis projects. The recipient of this award is Talía Cardin.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Next, the award that I would like to celebrate and pass out is the outstanding senior capstone in design. This likewise

celebrates students who have presented extraordinary work as a designer and the recipient of that award is Gracyn Hayunga. The Mary Chenoweth award is in celebration of the achievements of Mary who taught at Colorado College from 1957-83. Remembered as a dedicated artist and free spirit whose

generosity, enthusiasm and wit enriched the lives of her students and colleagues. When she retired members of the class of 1983 established a fund in her honor and each year a book is given to the senior art major who best exemplifies her talent, spirit and dedication to art. The recipient of this prestigious award is Aila Bailey.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> The CHAPS award was established by Craig Herst, a member of the class of 1989. In 1998, herself Hearst died. A gifted artist and sculpture whose work reveals surprising maturity and sophistication, Herst is remembered fondly as a vibrant, athletic and personally engaging young man with a promising future in the arts. The CHAPS is awarded annually to a junior studio art mayor who embodies Herst's passion for the arts and demonstrated excellence during their career at Colorado College. We have multiple recipients. The first is Isabel Bragq. All The next prize that I have to introduce is the Edith right. Kirsch prize. The Edith Kirsch prize was established in memory of Edith Kirsch a scholar of Italian art and professor of art at Colorado College from 1982 to 2004, it is awarded annually to a student for an independent project involving summer travel abroad to study works of art or architecture. The first recipient of this award is Hailey getting. The next recipient of this award is Alessandra Tornelli.

>> The department of chemistry and biochemistry would like to recognize Maria Riek and Damion for their service to the department, the Otis A., Margaret Barnes service award. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Thank you for your amazing work to help the faculty. The first-year semi-industry award goes to Sophie Flam.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> William C. champion prize in organic chemistry goes to Audrey Combs.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause). Senior awards for academic achievement in biochemistry and chemistry go to several of our many outstanding students. Ollie Curtis Beland, Sangwa Aude Ikuzwe and Damion Scott.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Next for several ACA awards. ACS award in biochemistry or chemical biology goes to Emily Gordon. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> ACS analytical chemistry award goes to Lola Muntiu. ACS

organic chemistry award goes to Maria Riek. ACS inorganic chemistry award goes to Kinsey Clark.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> ACS physical chemistry award goes to Sean Lam.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> I'll be presenting awards for two departments today, first the cultures and languages department that includes Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese and Russian studies and then for the program in comparative literature so first we have the excellence in German award that goes to Henry Moraja. Next the German scholarship that has two recipients. Estefania Hortensia Izarnotequi Cerda, Yurii Hrytsak. Moving now to, oh, we have one more German one, the next award goes to Margalit Goldberg. Now we're moving to Russian and we have the Alexey award. The recipient is Mariia Semina. The award for excellence in Italian goes to Rhea that Liza. Japanese language award goes to Will Bavier. Chinese language award has two recipients. Avery Benko, Meena Kim. Now in comparative literature is award for excellence in comparative literature goes to Connor Rogers. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> (In dialect).

>> I'd like to present four different awards today on behalf of the business department. First the Kenneth J. and Elizabeth Hare award is presented to Avery Benko, Bowen Blair, Liam Mullen, Ethan Stewart. Next Robert E. Rubin political economics award is awarded to Luke Ortiz-Grabe. The Robert E. Rubin award in mathematical economics is awarded to Phoebe Frankel. And finally the Robert William K Prize is awarded to graduating seniors in business economics in society. There are six awardees here. Erin Capell, Cole Hauswirth, Benjamin Murphy, Greg Phillips, Kelsey Shankle, Ashley Stewart.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Hello, everyone, I'm printing on behalf of the education department. We have four awards today. Outstanding academic achievement. For education cay more goes to Macy Macauley. We have two recipients this year for excellence in undergraduate research. Paige Kahle and Sucely Marcos.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Moving onto our graduate programming. We have Malia Jo Earhart winning our graduate research excellence. And for the licensure program, Tina Shea. Our excellence is teacher education. For our teacher licensure MAT is Jessica Martinez. And last but not least, award for excellence in teacher education for our dyslexia specialist program, Jennifer Nims. >> I'm here to present awards for the Department of English. Our first awards are, our first award is for the Evelyn May bridges poetry award. Bridges prize for student poetry has been given for more than 60 years. The award honors Evelyn May bridges who at age of nine published a poem about death that gained her national recognition after bridges died in her early adolescence her father endowed the bridges poetry prize in her honor and the first prize this year is Sadie hale for poems and poem for you throwing up in the bathroom on New Year's Eve. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Our next awards are the two Adelaide Bender Reville prizes in writing the first is which is the Adelaide Bender prize for creative nonfiction and our winner this year was Heidi Kaplan for her piece on in income. Our next award is for the Bender James prize for fiction, our first prize winner was Ella Brocker for her story what moves between the ribs and third place was Maya Greene for her story, The Whale. And now we move onto the Frank Senior Project Award, established in 1985 and honors Frank who taught for a long time in the English department, former chair, the award honors the best critical piece of writing, that is nonfiction, critical essay, we have two recipients this year. The first of which, I will just read them both. The first, in no order, Greta Patterson, to gaze entranced, poetry and identity in Orlando's vision, and Anabelle Shenk, and our final awards are the college grants in writing. Due to a generosity of an anonymous donor this department is able to give financial awards for students to complete independent literary projects of either a creative or critical nature and I think they're all seated. Where are you seated? Awards in writing? Give me a There you are. Just to, they are Kalie Chang, Maja De wave. Bonte, Haley Elena Kuo Goetting, Justin Gray, Jack Hills, Ruben Margolis, Issa Nasatir, Janeiya Porter, Kendall Reynolds, Asta Sjogren-Uyehara and Lucy Fremont Smith, congratulations. >> My name is Amy and I am delighted to present three awards on behalf of the environmental studies and science program. First an award for outstanding senior academic award in environmental studies. Presented to three students this year. Olivia Furman, Isabella and Valerie Xiong.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Next, the outstanding senior academic award in environmental science. Awarded to two recipient this is year. Grace Casson and Claire Thompson.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> And third, Grace, don't go far, the service award in environmental studies and science awarded to Grace Casson. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Nadia: Good morning, everyone, on behalf of the feminist and gender studies department it is my pleasure to present the Shannon McGee memorial prize in feminist and gender study to the following outstanding and beloved seniors. Anna McConnaughey and Mackenzie Wagner. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Good morning, everyone, on behalf of film and media studies department it is my pleasure to present four awards today. The first is Richard A. Louis memorial film award selected by faculty to recognize the best student film of the year. We have two groups of this award and the first recipients are Niko and Ruby Murray. Virtual Friend writer and director. And the next recipients is Pang. Writer and director of the loudest sound. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> And our next award is J.H. Edmondson film outreach award. It encourages filmmakers to reach outside the college community. The recipients of this award are Angela Dominguez and Beck Marshall director of The Collection. And our next award is Telly Savales >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). and T Christopher boardman memorial award in film and media studies. It honors those who made a contribution to building a community whether through academic engagement, creative excellence or co-curricular service. This award goes to (Applause). And finally we have Colorado Kanitta Cheah. College documentary exploration award. This award acknowledges the power of documentary filmmaking to tell today's most compelling stories. And the recipients are Pang and Alex Reynolds and Niko Jeffrey for rural renaissance revival. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Congratulations, everyone. >> Good morning, my name is Sara Hinkle, I'm the director of the speaking center it is my pleasure to present to you the appear loan Yan award that is presented annually to students who have excellence in speech and debate. These seniors have shown rhetorical excellence in and out of the competition space. Please join me in congratulating Ayden Boyd and Luke Ortiz-Grabe. >> (Applause). >> Michael: Good morning on behalf of the French department I have two awards to present this morning. The first is the award for excellence in French and it goes to Julien Davis Lee and Violet Garrett. The second award is the Gene Gibbs memorial award for study in France and it goes to Lucy Ade Avery. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Good morning, each year pre-health advising presents two awards to students who are exceptional. The first award is given to a student who has offered exemplary service in our local community and on campus. This student has gone above and beyond the ability to offer opportunity to our pre-health students and also integral in presenting blood drive to our campus. This year's recipient is Anabelle Swenson. Anabelle is abroad this block but she knows. The second award is the Frank Henry award which is given to a pre-health student who has been accepted to medical or dental school. We have two recipients this year who have demonstrated tremendous ability not only academically but through extracurriculars, research and health care experience. The first recipient had a successful application cycle and has chosen to attend Boston University school of dental medicine in the fall this year's recipient is Michelle. Our second recipient also had a very successful application cycle with four acceptances and has chosen to attend the University of Michigan school of dental medicine. This year's recipient is Marlene Lowe.

>> Good afternoon, on behalf of the history department, I am pleased to be presenting two awards today. The first is the Clyde E. Augustus dunny way prize for contribution to the department inside and outside the classroom. It's my honor to present this year to two recipients. Jay Byron and Jackson Hammock.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> I've gone out of order. But we're an understanding crowd and I appreciate that. To present the William prize for research and writing in history and this year goes to the thesis by Samuel presented to the departments of history and philosophy called your kiss left marks on the archive. Please join me in congratulating Sam.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Hi, my name is Rich Bennett associate director for sports and wellness and my honor to announce winners in sports medicine. The award represents honors in sports medicine for senior premed or allied health students who demonstrates a career in medicine and established by our head team physician Tom and his wife Jan and it involves and recognizes students. Our two award winners, Stef Brown.

>> Hello, everyone, on behalf of the department of mathematics and computer science it is our honor to introduce our following award recipients. Our first award is the Florian Cajori award and our recipients are Porter Barnes and Yanxiang Wang. Our Sophie Germain award recipient is Zoe Harrington.

>> We have two recipients for the Steven Janke Prize in computer science. We have Dan and Isabelle.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> And we also have two recipients for the Grace Hopper award in computer science. Yael Homa and Arez Khidr.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> And finally our fearless Friday award winner, Porter Barnes.
>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Hello, my name is Darrell Killian and I will be presenting

two awards today. First the Mary Alice Hamilton award is awarded to the top graduating senior as voted by the ND faculty this year the award goes to Meena Kim all right the next award is the laboratory award in molecular biology and this is awarded to a graduating senior for performance in lab courses and labbased research. This year there are three recipients. They are Abby Grace Heimerl, Davion James McFall and Mingyuan Xu. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Susan: I'm happy to represent the music department. The first award the David and Karen Couperthwaite award goes to Iyanla Ayite. The max prize for excellence in instrumental music goes to four recipients. First of all, Luke who is a pianist with a bluegrass ensemble. And next award is Rory and he's a first year student and a percussionist. Okay. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> And the next award goes to freshman Hazel and she's a wonderful violinist. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> The Marie Gillis award goes to three seniors, first of all, Iyanla Ayite, Ava Piebenga and Kai Takacs. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> And finally the excellence in ensemble performance goes to four seniors and they are Coray gates, Josh Bennett, Orlando, Maren Snow, Kai, and Xinran Wang. >> Oh, my student, Neo, pianist. Congratulations, everyone. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> It is an honor to present four awards on behalf of the department of organismal biology and ecology. Our first award is the Richard and Reba Beidleman award granted to students with the greatest potential for a future career as a field biologist or an ecologist. And this goes to Megan Krussman and Abigail C. Rivas. (Applause). The next award is the ender son award in conservation biology granted to students to their commitments to conservation biology and their productivity in conservation research. This goes to two students. Jace Fuller and Mary Reinbold. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Our third award is the Mary Alice Hamilton award in organismal biology and ecology granted to students with excellence academic performance and high potential for successful career in biology this goes to Kaelyn Enga who is not here today and Tory Baro. And lastly the laboratory award granted to students for their excellence in laboratory classes and laboratory research. This award goes to two students. Elienne B. Deshommes, Marcilla Kollie. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Thank you and congratulations.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> JONATHAN: On behalf of the department of philosophy it's my honor to present the J. Glenn Gray award. The Glenn Gray award honors the memory of professor Gray who founded the department in 1948 and is awarded to the outstanding senior in philosophy who has also made an important contribution to the life of our little department. This year's recipient of the J. Glenn Gray award is Yuan Cao.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Good morning, everybody, my name is Christine Ling and I'm here on behalf of Natalie who I am not. And -- because she couldn't be here. I am very happy to present the physics department's award beginning with the Karen and David award for excellence in physics goes to two amazing physicists who I have been delighted to have in my classes. Joshua McFeeters and Eveline Tholen.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> And the second award for the physics department is the Wilbur H. Wright memorial prize that we call the well-rounded physicist award. So it goes to a physics major who also has a significant academic interest in another one of the liberal arts. Our award winner this year is not only an amazing physicist but also a scholar of art. That award goes to Joshua McFeeters. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> DOUGLAS: Good morning, I have two awards to present on behalf of the political science department. The first is the Edith award this goes to Gina

Jeong, Grace Witulski. The second is the Fred Sonnederman award this goes to Hunter Burge, Perrin Kendall. Thank you. >> (In dialect). Welcome I'm honored to present on behalf of the department of the race, ethnicity and migration studies, the Adrienne Seward and Victor Nelson Cisneros award in race and ethnic study this award is presented to a student who has showed a commitment to deeper their understanding of the issues of race and ethnicity which are so pertinent today as well as the complex social, economic and epistemic ramifications in the national and transnational context. The recipient is Noor Issa. >> Good morning, I'm Cayce Hughes and it is my pleasure to present two awards on behalf of the department of sociology. The WEB Du Bois award is awarded to a graduating senior who has excelled in their coursework and made significant contribution to the life of the department. Congratulations, Anya Jones next the Daniel Patrick O'Connor memorial award in social justice. This award is named for Daniel Patrick O'Connor who had a special interest in civil rights and social justice as well as a high record for Colorado College, the award recognizes exemplary

social justice related work academic or applied of graduating sociology majors. We have two recipients. Jordan and Timothy Smith. >> KAREN: Good morning. On behalf of the southwest studies program, I'm honored to present the award for the Joel P prize in southwest studies awarded to their student for their academic record their presence in the program and in this case, her very timely and outstanding thesis Denver's Chicano murals, gentrification, archives and healing, please join me in welcoming, Marisa Diaz Bonacquisti. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Thank you. I'm Naomi Wood and I'm here to present awards for the Spanish and Portuguese department. The first award goes to two outstanding seniors for the award in Spanish and Portuguese. Annabella Eskenazi and Italia Quintana. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> And our second award is the Felisa Llorente award for two rising seniors, Bryan Gonzalez and Bradley Tellez Humble. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Good morning, my name is Monica Sanchez and I am elated to present two awards this morning. The Pamela Riley award goes to syringe don dupe. They come to us from a large Tibetan family via India, via Bosnia, over the past three plus years I have had the pleasure of witnessing an extraordinary evolution of artistry. They have become and continue to become a consummate actor, play right and filmmaker, he has been accepted into several acclaimed acting conservatories including the prestigious MFA program at CalArts. I am so proud of the work that you have done and congratulations for the Pamela Riley award. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Our second recipient is Maiya Ponsky who is receiving the Broadway Theatre League award this is a little extraordinary. As you all are aware that Maiya is a studio arts major but her contributions to our department are so brilliant and so appreciated that we have to honor her today. She has brought her formidable discipline as a dancer, combined with the skills, talents and knowledge as a studio arts major to the craft and the art of costume design. She has had the singular, I believe singular responsibility and honor of dressing death and love. Maiya, thank you and congratulations.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> This year's winners of the Abel J. and Lucy Phinney Gregg Award has enlightened life at CC and campus life. They have provided campus leadership with interfaith engagement and care collective and leading several spiritual groups. For their many gifts we present this award to Camila Short, Sangwa Aude Ikuzwe and Samuel A. Yolles. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Good morning, I'm Rebecca Parker the director of the arts and crafts program. I'm here to present the Henry "skip" award. This selection is based upon commitment of all campus activities, leadership within various committees and a dedication to co-curricular mission this student has shown active involvement in campus activities throughout their career that has redefined and expanded the program. This award goes to Asa Mizock. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Hello again, it's my great honor to be back to present the Bill Hochman Prize on War, Violence, and Human Values. With emphasis on the human experience of war. Awarded to the best student work illuminating war violence and human values. With that emphasis. And it's my pleasure to award it this year to Henry Wiener. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> This year I'm presenting the Blue key award and awarded to the member of the faculty or administration who contributes significant time and effort to the student body of Colorado College the Colorado College community and the city of Colorado Springs and this year I'm super happy to give the award to Dr. Adam Light. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> George, my name is Nathan Levi and I'm part of the administration team. >> My name is sen if a Dawson and I'm the president of Cutler publications that supports student writing at Colorado College we oversee seven publications on campus. The catalyst, leviathan, outdoor journal, and aperture, we have three awards to give out today. First, the hank bedding field award. An award to the commitment of student journalism and the contributions to the people and the community. This year it goes to Seth J. >> Our second award is the Ruth Barton award. This was established in 1996 to recognize Ruth Barton's dedication to student journalism at the college. This year we chose to give it to former Colorado College president Richard Celeste. We thank him for his generous support on the board as of the Gates Foundation. >> Thank you very much. I appreciate it. >> Thank you. >> Our last award was established in honor of E.K. Gaylord, this year's award goes to the Colorado Collective cohead editor, Veronica

Bianco. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Hey, everyone, my name is Deka, and I will be presenting four awards today. Our first one is the today sew that Kashi ma emerging leader award. Originally from Japan who was one of the first international students to attend Colorado College. This is given to a senior. The 2025 emerging leader award goes to Ben. Ruddock. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Our second award is the Frederick Robert and Charles Jackson outstanding student leader award. Frederick Roberts is the first known African American student at Colorado College. He and Charles Jackson were the first African American intercollegiate athletes in the state of Colorado. Throughout their time at CC, these students displayed leadership, strength and courage. This award is given to a junior or senior student who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to social justice. This award goes to Nina Marie Antonio and Mackenzie Wagner. Our next award is the Theodore Roosevelt Collins outstanding faculty staff award. In 1935 Theodore Roosevelt Collins became the first person of color in a noncustodial position at CC. He was a beloved athletic trainer for 35 years while contributing to the cause of race relations in the Pikes Peak area. This award is given to an exceptional faculty or staff member who is a constant voice for campus values of inclusion. This award goes to Crystal H. from campus activities. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> And our last award is the ginger Morgan legacy award for feminist and/or LGTQ initiatives. She received her degree in political science. During her time here Ginger made significant contribution to the LGBTQ communities. This award is given to a student, faculty, staff or alum that has made long-term impact on the campus community. The award goes to Page Regan. Thank vou. >> Hi, my name is Gillian, I'm the printer at the press and I'm honored to give out the prize for excellence in book studies. This is given to those from the press at the college and I'm honored to give this to Sadie Fleig. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause). >> Good morning, my name is Cindy and I'm with the women's educational society. Founded here on campus in 1889. And it is my honor this morning to present the Marianne Stoller award in memory of Professor Stoller who taught in the anthropology department and on behalf of the Women's Educational Society to Camilla, Espinosa-Short. >> (Applause).

>> Good afternoon. I'm interim President Whitaker and I will give out the following awards. First up, is the Dreamkeeper Award recipient, Allison Peña. As a residential advisor in south hall, has gone consistently above and beyond to create a home away from home for her residents, fosters inclusive and safe environments, actively follows up on students' concerns related to multiculturalism and advocates for underrepresented voices. Allison is a passionate supporter of the multicultural house and continues to champion cross departments and collaboration to enhance the experience of historically oppressed communities at Colorado College. Congratulations, Allyson the J. Juan Reed award is Skye McCrimmon. She worked her way up to trip coordinator.

She has led many trips including coordinating over 25 ski and snow board trips and three snow day programs.

In doing so she has worked with more than two hundred fifty students most of whom were trying out the sport for the first time. Sky is caring, patient, and intentional in her work creating transformative, inclusive, and joyful outdoor experiences for her peers. Congratulations, Skye. The Van award recipient is Curtis Miller Hale, helped lead the tigers to two appearances in the NCAA tournament during his CC career including an elite eight appearances in 2023. He was an all American in 2024 a two time conference defender of the year and third best team captain in his junior and senior years. A mathematical economics major with a 3.81 GPA Curtis also earned academic status in 2023 and 2024, congratulations, Curtis. >> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> The Laura golden award recipient is Healy. A starter in all conference performer on both the women's basketball and women's lacrosse teams. She helped lead the tigers to conference titles and NCAA tournament appearances in both basketball and lacrosse, in 2024 was named conference defensive player of the year in conference basketball. The first of the year. A senior with a 3.87 GPA was a two time academic all district winner in both sports. Congratulations, Healy. The recipients of the AAYLC allows students to look at activities related to one or more of the U.N.'s 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Psalm is a 2020 alum. She will use her grant funding to support literacy intervention for at risk readers with a profile of dyslexia in the Pikes Peak region, unfortunately Psalm wasn't able to be here in-person today. Kayla Shelley is an environmental studies major who plans to research the system of forming in Indonesia will explore how this agricultural system can be implemented more globally with a particular focus on water conservation, community resilience and equitable food access. Congratulations, Kayla.

## >> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> The Crowne Goodman presidential scholarship honors students for their outstanding academic record and contributions to the total life of the college. Recipients, please stand as I read your name, everyone, please hold your applause until all are named. This year's Crown-Goodman presidential scholarship recipients are, Nick Scott Bradley, Ryan Brush, Trenten Chalik, Pete Eisenheim, Alexandra Flores, Sophia Hartt, Marynn Krull, Zoe Lesak, William McCracken, Meridian Mensch, Claire Moe, Alison Mueller-Hickler, Emily Silva, Lev Sugerman-Brozan, Alondra Valdez, Toby Wilkinson, Kaitlyn Wilks, Zoe Williamson, Brianna Yanez. Congratulations to all, let's give them a round of applause.

>> Good morning, I am student body president. I am proud to continue the tradition of Colorado College student association presenting awards to recipients nominated by the student body. Today we will be giving four awards. The first is the involved student of the year award which is given to a student who has shown outstanding involvement in and service to the community at large. I am pleased to present this award to Mackenzie Wagner. The next is the involved student organization of the year award which is presented to the student organization that students feel has made both a significant impact on and contribution to the Colorado College and Colorado Springs community. I am happy to present this award to Melanie Robertson and Aden Berry on behalf of Allies of Unhoused Youth. Next is the Bob Pizzi Outstanding Advisor of the Year Memorial Award which honors an advisor at the college who has shown a commitment to student access. I am pleased to present this award to Sarah Elsey. Our final award is the teacher of the year award which honors the professor who has profound effects on students each day. I am happy to present this award to Professor Neena Grover. Thank you.

>> AUDIENCE: (Applause).

>> Congratulations, everyone. May we go now and may we embrace our achievements with boldness and humility, welcoming in our disappointments with gentleness, honoring our amazing growth. And may all that is life giving, just and joyful, sacred surround you in a celebration. May it be so. >> (Organ plays).