

**IN MEMORIAM
ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025**

COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them nor
the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
We will remember them.

By Laurence Binyon
Dying: A Book of Comfort



*We also recognize those loved ones
in our extended CMC family
who passed this year.*

Anne Margaret Lear
*Copper Mountain College Student and
Community Member*

Dr. Reverend Jerold "Jerry" Garber, D. Min
*Copper Mountain College Board of Trustees
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*Copper Mountain College
Superintendent/President*

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*Copper Mountain College
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*Copper Mountain College Faculty,
Auto Department*

Jerry Phipps
*Copper Mountain College Facilities Director
Facilities Department*

**2025
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY**



**MAY 22, 2025
5:45 P.M.**

BELL CENTER
6162 ROTARY WAY, JOSHUA TREE, CA



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CMC Board of Trustees
CMC Commencement Committee
CMC Foundation
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A New Creation Flowers & Gifts
Roadrunner Grab+Go
Jorge's Cafe
Joshua Tree Citizen's Patrol
Twentynine Palms MCAGCC Color Guard
RISE Interpreting

Mariam Zayneb Hussain
Nayeli Tzitali Zinzun Liera
Victoria Velasquez
Daphne Minks
Ramon Abrego III
Evelyn Sheffield

...and to the many faculty and staff that make this event possible.



This year's Commencement Ceremony will be streamed live on the college's YouTube page. Please use the QR code above or the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@coppermountaincollege>.

THE ACADEMIC COSTUME CODE

The history of academic dress began in the 12th century, as universities were evolving. In the late 19th century, American universities standardized academic regalia, and the code was most recently revised in 1986. The gown is ordinarily black for academic degrees. The pattern of the sleeves varies with the degree held: pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree, oblong for the master's degree, and bell-shaped for the doctor's degree. The bachelor's and master's gowns have no trimmings.

The doctor's gown is faced down the front with black velvet and three bars of the same material across the sleeves. The color of the velvet on the sleeves may be the color representing the subject in which the degree was earned.

Hoods are usually not worn for associate and bachelor's degrees. The master's hood is shorter and lacks the panels of the doctor's hood. The silk lining inside the hood bears the colors of the institution from which the individual graduated. The velvet binding or edging of the hood designates the academic field in which the wearer has completed their degree.

Some of the colors represented on the hoods of faculty members include:

Agriculture	Maize
Architecture	Blue Velvet
Arts	White
Business	Drab
Communications	Crimson
Early Childhood Education	Maroon
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Environmental Science	Antique Gold
Fine Arts	Brown
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Science	Gold
Social Science	Citron
Speech	Silver
Theology	Scarlet
Veterinary Science	Gray



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CMC gratefully acknowledges this event is being held on the traditional lands of the Serrano, Cahuilla, Chemehuevi – Nüwü, and Mojave Peoples, the original stewards of the land on which we gather and pays its respect to their ancestors, elders, and relatives, past, present, and emerging.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to work with the Indigenous people of this land and we pay our respect to the Serrano, Cahuilla, Chemehuevi – Nüwü, and Mojave Peoples, past, present, and emerging who have been here since time immemorial.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Verified Transfer Students wear a Medallion to signify their acceptance into a four year college or university.

Veterans and Active Duty wear Red, White, & Blue cords to signify their military service. Copper Mountain College thanks you for your service.



HONORS RECOGNITION

Highest Honors Ж (3.90 – 4.00):

Students wear Teal cords in recognition

High Honors+ (3.75 – 3.89):

Student wear Copper cords in recognition

Academic Distinction* (3.50 – 3.74):

Students wear Silver cords in recognition

Copper Mountain College is committed to Equal Employment Opportunity for all persons and to provide educational and employment opportunities free from discrimination based on ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, sex, race, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disabilities, and other physical or verbal conduct or communication constituting sexual harassment.

RECOGNITION CORDS

Alpha Beta Gamma members wear a Sapphire Blue Satin Stole in recognition.

American Sign Language (ASL) Club members wear a Black sash with Silver trim in recognition.

Arts & Craft Club members wear Forest Green recognition cords.

Associated Student Government of Copper Mountain College (ASCMC) members wear Copper and Teal recognition cords to signify their participation in CMC's Student Government body.

Auto Club members wear a Hot Pink sash in recognition.

California Work Opportunities & Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) students wear a Gold sash with Black trim in recognition of their participation in the CalWORKs program.

Christian Club members wear Antique Gold recognition cords.

Criminal Justice Club members wear Navy Blue recognition cords.

Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS) students wear a Silver sash with Teal trim in recognition of their participation in the EOPS program.

Fostering Success students wear a Light Blue sash with White lettering in recognition.

Gaming Club members wear a Lime Green and Royal Blue sash in recognition.

Horror Fanatics Club wear Royal Purple recognition cords.

Latinx Honoree wear a Serape sash in recognition.

Lavender Honoree and Pride Club members wear a Lavender sash in recognition.

NextUP students wear a Sage Green sash in recognition.

Phi Theta Kappa wear a Gold Honor Stole, a Blue and Gold Double Honor Cord, and/or a Gold Tassel in recognition.

Printmaking Club wear Sage Green recognition cords.



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide educational opportunities for diverse desert communities and beyond through a comprehensive curriculum and support services that demonstrate *a passion for the success of every individual student.*

Copper Mountain College offers high quality, affordable instruction that enables students to attain mastery in basic skills and career development, as well as building pathways to associate degrees, certificates, university transfer, and personal enrichment.





VISION STATEMENT

Copper Mountain College will be the educational and cultural center of the Morongo Basin. Through cooperative efforts with the community and within the college, we will develop innovative curricula matched to the needs of our students to prepare them to achieve their educational, employment, and life-long learning goals.

EQUITY STATEMENT

Copper Mountain College commits to closing the achievement and opportunity gaps that exist in the education system by intentionally focusing on disproportionately impacted and historically marginalized student groups. The college further commits to breaking down existing systemic barriers, fostering equal opportunity, and providing access to quality higher education for all students.



HONOR SOCIETIES

Phi Theta Kappa is an International Honor Society recognizing students who have completed at least 12 hours of coursework that may be applied to an associate degree, who have a grade point average of 3.5 and adhere to the standards of the Society. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is denoted by the wearing of the Gold Honor Stole, a Blue and Gold Double Honor Cord, and/or a Gold Tassel.

Alpha Beta Gamma is an International Business Honor Society, recognizing distinguished students in Business disciplines. Alpha Beta Gamma is the sole business honor society for accredited junior, community, and technical two-year colleges. The society exists to recognize and reward academic excellence among business honor students and to recognize the contribution to learning and business of professionals. Membership in Alpha Beta Gamma is denoted by the wearing of the Sapphire Blue Satin Stole.



GRADUATE ACADEMIC HONORS

Honor	Symbol	Grade Point Average
Highest Honors	Ж	3.90 – 4.00
High Honors	+	3.75 – 3.89
Academic Distinction	*	3.50 – 3.74

Graduation with Honors is the most comprehensive academic honor because it is cumulative. While the President's List award is made on a semester basis for full-time student with a GPA of 3.50 and higher. Graduation with Honors does not have a semester unit minimum and includes all grades earned at all colleges attended.

Because commencement occurs before the spring semester grades have been recorded, the grade point average is based only on coursework completed through the fall semester of 2024. Final GPA calculations will be determined after all coursework is completed. Degrees are recorded on the official transcripts within eight weeks following graduation.

"EP" at the end of a degree refers to "Employment Preparation" denoting a two-year Occupational or Vocational Degree.

"AA-T" or "AS-T" at the end of a degree refers to Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T). An "associate degree for transfer" is a recently established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Prelude	5:45 p.m.
Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance" Op. 39 No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar
Welcome and Remarks	Dr. Daren Otten, Ed.D Superintendent/President
Posting of Colors	MCAGCC USMC Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	Mariam Zayneb Hussain Student Trustee 2024-2025 & 2023 Greenleaf Scholar
Anthem	"The Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key Solo by Jasmine Shaffer

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Victoria Velasquez
Faculty Commencement Address

Nayeli Tzitzlali Zinzun Liera
Honor Graduate Speaker

Daphne Minkz
Keynote Speaker

Awarding of Degrees Mary Lombardo
President, Board of Trustees

Presentation of Diplomas Ramon Abrego III
Dean of Instruction,
Distance Education & Learning Resources

Evelyn Sheffield
Dean of Instruction, CTE & Career Services

Introduction of Graduates Dr. Daren Otten, Ed.D
Superintendent/President

Recessional "Not Like Us"
by Kendrick Lamar

The Commencement Committee invites you to receive the 2025 Graduates outside of the Bell Center Lobby immediately following the Commencement Ceremony.

**Please remain seated until all Graduates
have exited the gymnasium.**

**STATE CERTIFICATE OF
ACHIEVEMENT RECIPIENTS
FALL 2024, SPRING 2025, SUMMER 2025**

ACCOUNTING

ACCOUNTING

Olivia Bridle

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Jordan Nicole Willis

**AIR CONDITIONING &
HEATING SERVICES & REPAIR**

Jordan Nicole Willis

ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

Jordan Nicole Willis

**ENGINE PERFORMANCE AND
DRIVEABILITY**

Jordan Nicole Willis

**STEERING & SUSPENSION
SERVICE**

Jordan Nicole Willis

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT:
ASSOCIATE TEACHER**

Brittany KayAnn Pauls

**QUALIFIED
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:**

TEACHER:

Brittany KayAnn Pauls

ASSOCIATE TEACHER

Brittany KayAnn Pauls

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Tristen Roeder

PHYSICS

PHYSICS, AS-T

Mariam Zayneb Hussain+

POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLITICAL SCIENCE, AA-T

Maya Estrada ✕
Parker James Gaunt
William Russell Mindiola (Vance)
Jordan Morency
Danton Panico ✕

PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY, AA-T

Ashley Nicole Aguilar
Jaela Marie Bowman
Nadya Noel Bunch
Micaela Colclasure
Anessa Colegio
Philip Stephen Cross Jr.+
Fritsi Flores ✕
Christine D. Foley+
Rebecca C. Goldsmith
Jade Laycee Harrison
Blake Hench
Madison Leigh Higa
Jennifer Knight (Llerena)*
Talya Liana Mangione ✕
Sylvia Andrea Marroquin
Christian Moffat ✕
Karla Patricia Nunez Zelaya
Erica Oliveros
Ashley N. Paulino
Brittany KayAnn Pauls
Kalani L. Powell
Damion Romo
Jaylie Schreiber
Rachelle M. Skidmore
Cynthia Steinbeck
Brooklyn Stowell*
Jordan Nicole Willis
Logan M. Young

SOCIOLOGY

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Anessa Colegio
Diara E. M. Croxton

SOCIOLOGY, AA-T

Anessa Colegio
Diara E. M. Croxton
Micaela Colclasure

MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS, AS-T

Jessica Haines ✕
Carson Dillon Hendry
Mariam Zayneb Hussain+
Zack D. Rodriguez
Gabriella Scitzs ✕

NURSING

REGISTERED NURSING, EP

Genevieve Angayen+
Stacy Rae Arvizu (Brown)
Irish Joy Lopez Asuncion
Talia Maria Brown
Damaris Ariana Carrizosa
Jaymie Rose Lee Carroll*
Erika M. Cervantes ✕
Kelsey Elaine Edens ✕
Roanne Javier Escobar+
Shakira Featherstone-Snyder
Jeremy Gelman-Suzuki ✕
Laila Pelango Gerczak
Karl Karstens+
Jennifer Knight (Llerena)*
Nicole Kurowski
Nayeli Tzitzlali Zinzun Liera+
Cecelia Alexandria Lindewall+
Ivanna Mejia
Stephanie Gonzalez Nava ✕
Megan Michelle Parker
Cheyenne S. Peres
Guillermo Prieto*
Amara Rodriguez*
Ariana A. Ruiz+
Caroline Salapare*
Valiena Sanders*
Denise Soria
Ashley Thomas ✕
Lori Vanvacter*
Cam Loan Thi Vu*
Tawny Jane Weber+

VOCATIONAL NURSING, EP

Connie Acosta*
Irish Cassie Delgado+
Daryl Andrew Lavilla+
Rebecca Liguori-Haresnape*
Natalie Mujica ✕
Belinda Del Carmen Orozco ✕
Rebekah Anice Ramirez ✕
Zea Samu (Foley)+
Angella Silva
Brenda Soria
Lucia Woodward

COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN & DRAFTING (CADD)

Erica Taylor Hennings
Naté Therese Murphy

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

Jacob Mock
Krish B. Patel
Tristen Roeder

COMPUTER SCIENCE

COMPUTER NETWORK SUPERVISOR

Tristen Roeder

CULINARY ARTS

CULINARY ARTS

Tanya Szabo

GENERAL EDUCATION

GENERAL EDUCATION: CSU

Ashley Nicole Aguilar
Elizabeth Beltran
Arieanna-Rhonacyn Cerezo
Dekoa Joy Dennis
Brittany Kay Ann Pauls
Damion Romo
Rachelle M. Skidmore
Brooklyn Stowell
Jordan Nicole Willis

NURSING

VOCATIONAL NURSING

Connie Acosta
Irish Cassie Delgado
Daryl Andrew Lavilla
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Brenda Soria
Angella Silva
Lucia Woodward





ALMA MATER

On a Copper Mountain hillside
Standing tall and bright and fair
Is a monument to represent
The Monument we hold so dear.
A place to call the fate of dreams
Of every boy and girl.
It is here that every fledgling child
Came to know the world.

Oh, Copper Mountain College,
Our Alma Mater true,
We honor you with loyalty,
For we owe our lives to you.
May our children be a testament
Of the wisdom that you hold.
That your Copper Mountain majesty –
Shine into our days of old.



Mariam Zayneb Hussain+
Kieu Huynh*
Madison Lazarovitz*
Ashley Lechner
Leilonie Lila Leichti
Monica Lucero
Talya Liana Mangione ✕
Lauren M. Marshall*
Kyra Michele Minatrea*
Esmeralda Miranda*
Raechel Morrissett*
Kaelina Nalani Manuel Palpallatoc
Daysah Shayanna Parker-Bullion+
Jacqueline Paslay ✕
Cheyenne S. Peres
Samantha Patrice Rose Pollard
Rebekah Anice Ramirez ✕
Andrea Renée Ramos
Ashamarie Rodriguez
Ellen Marie Russell*
Jacqueline Louise Russell-Burse
Chantel Stanberry-Noel
Marian Lakin Tabor
Diego O. Vamstad
Ryan Victoria Yackel*
Jayriah Iliam Yazzie*
Tonya J. Yazzie*
Monica Michelle Zuniga

LIBERAL ARTS: SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Ashley Nicole Aguilar
Wesley Allen
Michael Gregorio Chavez*
Destiny R. Cisneros
Anessa Colegio
Philip Stephen Cross Jr.+
Christine Isabel Curington
Joseph Daniel Fuentes
MiQueen Gaines
Madison Leigh Higa
Juliana Lizeth Jimenez
Kyra Michele Minatrea*
William Russell Mindiola (Vance)
Torin Shane Grimes ✕
Farrah Parrish
Brittany KayAnn Pauls
Rachelle M. Skidmore
Cynthia Steinbeck
Brooklyn Stowell*
Logan M. Young
N'Taiya Youso



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**ASSOCIATE DEGREE
RECIPIENTS
FALL 2024, SPRING 2025, SUMMER 2025**

HISTORY

HISTORY, AA-T

Torin Shane Grimes ✕
William Russell Mindiola (Vance)
Melina Stinchcomb

KINESIOLOGY

KINESIOLOGY, AA-T

Tyrece Rose
Hannah Rose Weinstein

LIBERAL ARTS

**LIBERAL ARTS:
ARTS & HUMANITIES**

Kristian Brown
Michael Gregorio Chavez*
Brett Robert Copeland
Dekoa Joy Dennis
Luke George
Arianna Renee Gonzalez+
Jessica Nicole Griffin
David Anthony Hampton*
Nayeli Tzitali Zinzun Liera+
Farrah Parrish
Andrea Renée Ramos
Rachelle M. Skidmore

**LIBERAL ARTS:
MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE**

Briana Lee Adams*
Erick Abraham Alapizco*
Alexanderia Andrae*
Eleanor Brillo Bastidas*
Sarahy Beltran
Erika M. Cervantes ✕
Tyler Collins
Vernisha Cook
Sandra Jaclyn Corley
Kelsey Elaine Edens ✕
Janelle Ann R. Fausto
Shakira Featherstone-Snider
Isabella O. Foster
Neveah Angela Frison
Nayeli Garcia
Selena Gonzalez
Ariana Grijalva*
Alana Kaleoaloha Gutierrez*
David Anthony Hampton*
Carson Dillon Hendry
Madison Leigh Higa
Diane Hopkins
Skyler Antian Hu

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTHROPOLOGY, AA-T

Jade Laycee Harrison
Kalani L. Powell
Meri Katarina Walden

ART

STUDIO ARTS, AA-T

Morgan Hilary Bogy-Sanchez
Jonathon William Davis+
Jessica Nicole Griffin
Trinity Keener-Connolly ✕
Valerie Nicole Mead+
Haley Noell Tossetti
LeAnne Elizabeth Warren ✕

BIOLOGY

BIOLOGY, AS-T

Elizabeth Beltran
Skyler Antian Hu
Mariam Zayneb Hussain+
Ashley Lechner
Gabriella Scitzs ✕

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY, EP

Jordan Nicole Willis

BUSINESS

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Logan Sean Fields
Michael Lenz
Genevieve Pefley*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AS-T

Philip Bernardez III



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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 2.0, AS-T

Paola Dominguez (Morelos) +
Logan Sean Fields
Rebecca C. Goldsmith
Teryn Kelly Humphries
Darlene M. Lage ✕
Mercy Elizabeth Magana
Laura Kinga Mastantuono
Brisa Alessandra Meza
Raymond Alexander Morales Ochoa

GENERAL BUSINESS

Carol Serracino-Tribue

CHEMISTRY

CHEMISTRY, AS-T

Elizabeth Beltran
Mariam Zayneb Hussain+
Gabriella Scitz ✕

CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AS-T

Savannah Shaner-Freiling+
Sara Roxanne Snyder ✕

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AA-T

Brittany KayAnn Pauls

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS, EP

Traver Huffman*

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, EP

Jessica Haines ✕
Jacob Mock

COMPUTER SCIENCE

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Israel Goldsmith

COMPUTER SCIENCE, AS-T

Zack D. Clark
Tyler Collins
Israel Goldsmith
Gabrielle Jordan ✕
Jonray Mendoza
Krish B. Patel
Gabriel Zaragoza

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS-T

Calondra Francesca Alexander (Gomez)
Diego Jose Arevalo*
Ariel Bowden
Kayla Aubrey Candelaria-Dusek*
Destiny R. Cisneros
Torin Shane Grimes ✕
James Hammontree
Heather Poole (Quintana)
Caitlin Ann Ray*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Christine Isabel Curington
Arianna Renee Gonzalez+
Torin Shane Grimes ✕
David Hinson Sheldon

ECONOMICS

ECONOMICS

Joseph Emmanuel Sanders

ECONOMICS, AA-T

Mercy Elizabeth Magana

ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION, AA-T

Cambria Pizzuto

FIRE TECHNOLOGY

FIRE TECHNOLOGY, EP

Devin Conniff
Michael William O'Donnell*
Dylan Charles Todd*



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