



Graduation  
2026



**2026**  
**HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY**  
**GRADUATION**

OF  
LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

May sixteenth, two thousand twenty-six  
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Blue Federal Credit Union  
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**LARAMIE COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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## **Wyoming High School Equivalency Certificate (HSEC)**

Students earn their HSEC upon satisfactory completion of Adult Education course work and successfully passing their final exams.

This year's graduates earned their HSEC through multiple pathways – HiSET™ (High School Equivalency Test) or the GED® Test.

*As we honor our graduates' achievements, we respectfully request your cooperation. Please refrain from casual conversation during the ceremony and turn your devices to silent mode. Please remain seated and keep the aisles clear and safe during the processions as requested by the ushers. Thank you.*

**LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY  
GRADUATION PROGRAM**

**Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance*

**Moment of Silence and Introductions**

Dr. Kari Brown-Herbst

**National Anthem**

**Welcome**

Dr. Joe Schaffer

**Graduation Speakers**

Jezeria Hamilton

Delilah Duran

Jessica Leggett

**Presentation of Certificates**

Jet Watson

**Recessional**

## **CAPS, GOWNS AND HOODS**

The tradition of wearing academic gowns and hoods—also called academic regalia—dates back to the Middle Ages, when university scholars and clergy (often one and the same) wore them daily. In the drafty stone buildings of Europe, these heavy garments served a practical purpose: keeping their wearers warm through long, cold winters.

Today, academic regalia is primarily reserved for formal ceremonies such as commencements. Gowns and hoods are worn by graduates and faculty to symbolize academic achievement and discipline. At Laramie County Community College, faculty members are wearing their regalia today as part of this time-honored tradition.

In 1894, following the work of Col. John James McCook of Princeton, American colleges established the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume in Albany, New York. This organization created and still maintains the standardized code of design and color that signifies the wearer's academic rank and field of study.

Bachelor's gowns are typically black, worn closed, with long, pointed sleeves. Master's gowns may be worn open or closed and feature sleeves with slits near the elbows. Doctoral gowns have velvet front panels and three horizontal velvet bars on the sleeves, adding distinction. The traditional wool gowns have evolved into lighter, synthetic versions better suited for modern ceremonies, often held in warmer weather.

Most graduates wear a square Oxford cap, or mortarboard. Bachelors and masters wear a black tassel on the left; doctorates wear gold. Some colleges award a soft velvet cap to doctoral degree holders for added distinction.

Hoods are the most symbolic part of the regalia. The color of the hood's border reflects the field of study—white for arts, yellow for sciences—while the lining displays the silk colors of the granting institution.

Why do we continue this tradition at Laramie County Community College? Because regalia brings together diverse individuals and disciplines in a shared moment of pride and achievement. For a brief, solemn time, we become one—united in purpose, yet still distinguished by the unique colors of our hoods, representing both what we've studied and where we've come from.

# COLOR KEY FOR ACADEMIC HOODS

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Agriculture                                      | Maize         |
| Architecture                                     | Blue Violet   |
| Arts, Letters, Humanities                        | White         |
| Commerce, Accountancy, Business                  | Drab          |
| Dentistry  | Lilac         |
| Economics  | Copper        |
| Education  | Light Blue    |
| Engineering                                      | Orange        |
| Fine Arts  | Brown         |
| Forestry   | Russet        |
| Home Economics                                   | Maroon        |
| Journalism, Communications                       | Crimson       |
| Law  | Purple        |
| Library Science                                  | Lemon         |
| Medicine, Hospital Administration                | Green         |
| Music  | Pink          |
| Nursing  | Apricot       |
| Oratory (Speech)                                 | Silver Gray   |
| Pharmacy   | Olive Green   |
| Philosophy                                       | Dark Blue     |
| Physical Education                               | Sage Green    |
| Public Administration, Including Foreign Service | Peacock Blue  |
| Public Health                                    | Salmon Pink   |
| Science, Physics                                 | Golden Yellow |
| Social Work                                      | Citron        |
| Theology   | Scarlet       |
| Veterinary Science                               | Gray          |

## **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Many students receiving high school equivalency certificates will do so with the added designation of Distinction or High Distinction.

Students wearing blue and yellow cords are graduating with High Distinction and earned HiSET® Total Score 90-100/GED 2014® Total Score 740-800.

Students wearing white cords are graduating with Distinction and earned HiSET® Total Score 80-89/GED 2014® Total Score 680-739.

Members of the Adult Education National Honor Society are wearing black and yellow cords during the ceremony.

The Adult Education National Honor Society recognizes outstanding adult learners who demonstrate exceptional commitment to their education. Membership is by nomination from Adult Education Faculty and is based on a student's dedication to their coursework, strong work ethic, or contributions to the classroom. Inductees exemplify perseverance, responsibility, and a genuine desire to succeed academically while often balancing personal, professional, and family responsibilities. The society honors those who serve as positive role models in the classroom and who uphold high standards of effort, integrity, and engagement in their educational journey.

## High School Equivalency Certificate Recipients

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Bridger Bandy        | Jezeria Hamilton    |
| RaeLynn Barstow      | Elijah Harada       |
| Celeste Beach        | Chloe Hasenauer     |
| Jason Blanton        | Anthony Hassell     |
| Casey Booth          | Alaina Hendrick     |
| Indy Brendle         | Andreas Herrera     |
| Brendon Bullington   | Ellis Hickox        |
| Daniel Bridger       | Scarlett Hickox     |
| Alex Bustos          | Bailey Hill         |
| Kathleen Carrera     | Elena Hochstetler   |
| Cole Clevon          | Trenton Hoover      |
| Lakai Compton        | Bryan Hurley        |
| Lillian Condon       | Bethanny Illig      |
| Jenna Cunningham     | Logan Jackson       |
| Ivy Daugherty        | Hadlee James        |
| Michael Davis        | Neil Jenkins        |
| Kayli Demello        | Phoenix Johnson     |
| Christopher Diaz     | Ronnie Kennedy      |
| Adolfo Dominguez     | David Killion       |
| Anthony Dorn         | Christopher Klug    |
| Aisha Duarte Tucke   | Tayla Lamphere      |
| Allen Duffner-Galan  | Deanndra Lane       |
| Delilah Duran        | Payden Larimore     |
| Trevor Edmunds       | Jayson Leshner      |
| Alathandrja Erickson | Katie Lewellen      |
| Jayden Elder         | Brett Lieurance     |
| Maxim Field          | Margarita Llerenas  |
| Teighan Fillmore     | Brady Mason         |
| Layne Flores         | Joseph Matheson     |
| Corin Fraser         | Aubrey Mauch        |
| Elena Gallegos       | Owen Mccrea         |
| Helynn Garcia        | Keyan Mefford-Owens |
| Vanessa Garcia       | Zachary Mejia       |
| Trenton Gebhardt     | Aspen Michaels      |
| Tyler Gieser         | Jaylen Miller       |

Nichole Miller  
Basri Mina  
Emilee Moody  
Jorge Morales  
McKade Mowrey  
Rylie Myers  
Mason Myers  
Kayden Nava Carsi  
Tatyana Navarro  
Patrick Nelson  
Kambree Nielsen  
Kaylei Oldman  
Camilo Olivas  
Sabrina Olivas  
Elijah Omsberg-Knigge  
Madison Palmer  
Annalise Pennock  
Stephany Perez  
Rosealina Petrocelli  
Coye Rasmusson  
Kaiden Ray  
Bradyn Reed  
Hunter Rezac  
Alexander Russell  
Joshua Sarmiento  
Katelyn Sax  
Marissa Sierra  
Arthur Sigel  
David Smith  
Allen Strauss  
Izach Stumpf  
Tyler Sullivan  
Kelly Tedesko  
Edwin Thillet  
Jennavecia Trujillo  
Trista Turnage-Rehbein

Kimber Tyler  
Bryce Velasquez  
Serina Vigil  
Rhylee Visser  
Samira Wederski  
Francesca West  
Julian Windle  
Nathon Winters  
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