A press release in late April will report the number of bachelor’s, master’s, law, and doctoral degrees “to be conferred” at spring commencement. Last year’s release is at http://www.colorado.edu/news/releases/2011/04/26/chipotle-ceo-steve-ells-speak-cu-boulder-commencement-may-6.

The press release counts are based on students who have formally stated their intention to graduate. However, not all do actually graduate in spring.

For spring 2011

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Here we characterize the spring 2011 official awards – 2012 will likely look quite similar.

In spring 2011,
- 4,205 students graduated from CU-Boulder with a bachelor’s, master’s, doctorate, or law degree
- 4,401 degrees were formally awarded; some students receive multiple degrees (e.g. BA-Geology and BS Business Administration)
- The 4,401 degrees represent 4,791 degree-majors (if Bill graduates with a BA in English and History, that’s one degree, but two majors)

Characterizing the 4,205 degree recipients – the graduates

- Highest degree earned (in spring 2011)
  - Doctoral: 135 (3-4%)
  - Law: 168 (4%)
  - Master’s: 717 (17-18%)
  - Bachelor’s: 3,185 (75-76%)

- Percentage female
  - Doctoral: 37%
  - Law: 49%
  - Master’s: 40%
  - Bachelor’s: 50%
  - Overall: 49%
Last names (Spring 2011)
- Ranged from Aal to Zynecki
- Most popular last names
  - Johnson 28 graduates
  - Smith 24
  - Miller 19
  - Anderson 18
  - 10-13 for Brown, Kim, Jones, Nguyen, Thomas, Wilson, Williams

- Residency of graduates
  - Colorado residents 3,162 (75%)
  - Non-residents (out-of-state and int’l students) 1,043 (25%)

- International students
  - 140 total including 11-12% of master’s and doctoral recipients, under 2% of bachelor’s and law
  - 37 countries represented, from Albania to Vietnam, with the largest number coming from China (29 graduates), India (28), and Korea (15)
  - Other countries:
    - Albania
    - Algeria
    - Belarus
    - Brazil
    - Canada
    - Chile
    - Colombia
    - France
    - Germany
    - Guatemala
    - Indonesia
    - Iran
    - Ireland
    - Kazakhstan
    - Kuwait
    - Lebanon
    - Libya
    - Mexico
    - Nepal
    - Nigeria
    - Norway
    - Panama
    - Poland
    - Russian Federation
    - Saudi Arabia
    - Sweden
    - Taiwan
    - Thailand
    - Turkey
    - United Kingdom
    - Venezuela
    - Vietnam

- Race/ethnicity (students may indicate more than one category and so they may be counted more than once):
  - Hispanic 195 graduates
  - Asian 235
  - Black 47
  - Native American 37
  - White 3,351

- Age
  - 20 to 69 years
  - For the middle 50% (25% below, 25% above each range listed below)
    - Bachelor’s: 22-23 years
    - Master’s: 24-30
    - Law: 25-28
    - Doctorate: 28-35
All bachelor’s degree recipients (3,282, including 97 who also got a master’s degree)
- 21% (~1 out of 5) received a federal Pell grant (based on financial need) at least once during their undergraduate career
- 16% (~1 out of 6) were first-generation college graduates – neither parent had completed a 4-year degree
- Average grade point average (GPA) was 3.2 and ranged between 2.0 and 4.0
- 14% (~1 out of 7) were awarded more than one degree or had more than one major (17 graduates had three majors!)
- 97 students were awarded both a bachelor’s and master’s degree simultaneously
- 79% (~4 out of 5) started at CU-Boulder as freshmen, the remainder transferring to Boulder
- About two-thirds entered UCB as a Colorado resident, one-third from out of state. A small portion of graduates, about 5%, came from outside Colorado but graduated as Colorado residents.

Bachelor's degree recipients who started at CU-Boulder as new freshmen (2,585)
- 44% entered with an undeclared major
- 16% changed CU-Boulder school or college between entry and graduation
- About 90% of the Colorado residents who entered CU-Boulder as freshmen were from the Front Range. More than 130 were from the Western Slope, with 5 to 20 from each of the San Luis Valley, Eastern Plains, and the mountain counties east of the Divide.
- 70% of graduates who started as freshmen took exactly four academic years to finish, and 3% took less time than that (for spring 2012: estimated 70% will have started fall 2008, 3% later). Only 6% took six or more years to graduate.

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- Degree honors
  - Bachelor’s: 12% with honors, including about 100 Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude, and about 300 additional degrees with honors based on grades
  - Law: 10% in Order of the Coif
• Colleges, schools, and programs awarding degrees

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• Multiple degrees
  • 91 students received two bachelor’s degrees (e.g., BA and BS)
  • 97 received concurrent bachelor’s and master’s degrees
• 6 received both law and master’s degrees

**Majors** – The 4,401 degrees were awarded in 4,791 majors (if Bill graduates with a BA in English and History, that’s one degree, but two majors)
• Undergraduate majors ranged from Accounting to Women’s Studies, from Aerospace Engineering Sciences to Theater
• The five most popular majors for bachelor’s degrees were
  • Psychology 349 majors, or 9% of majors
  • English 176, 5%
  • Integrative Physiology 169, 5%
  • Political Science 153, 4%
  • Finance 153, 4%
• Others with more than 100: Molecular/Developmental Biology, Communication, Economics, History, International Affairs, Marketing, Sociology
• 60% of master’s degrees awarded were in business and engineering (over 160 each) and education (90)
• Half of doctoral degrees awarded were in biological and physical sciences and engineering

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