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Graduation Recognition Ceremony

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

Congratulations to our IAFS Honors Program Graduates!

Sarah Bian - *summa cum laude*

The Double Edged Sword: The Economic and Environmental Impact of China's 2018 Imported Plastics Ban on U.S. Asia Relations

Jadeyn Dugger – *summa cum laude*

Theatre as Revolution: Popular Theatre and Anti-Imperialism in the Dominican Republic (1960s - Present)

Valentina Ishchenko – *summa cum laude*

Rings of Fire: The Olympic Institution Behind its “Diplomatic” Veneer

Allie Lindsey – *magna cum laude*

Navigating Shifting Identities: Taiwan's Political Landscape Over the Past Twenty Years

Emma Fernanda Martinez – *magna cum laude*

The Nationalization of Oil in Mexico: Assessing Pemex's Mission Through the Lens of Efficiency and Labor Rights

Ethan Shea – *magna cum laude*

The Loss of Beef Trade Hegemony: An Analysis of Argentina's Export Restrictions

Maria-Natalie Smolyar – *summa cum laude*

The Geopolitical Chessboard: The Russia-Ukraine War and the Logic and Consequences of Carrots and Sticks

Trevor Tillet – *summa cum laude*

The Rise of Populism in Europe and its Effect on Foreign Policy

Jolie Waldman – *magna cum laude*

Digital Divides: Exploring Narrative within the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict through X

Edyn Webber – *magna cum laude*

From Doctrine to Deployment: An Evaluation of Proportionality in Historical Conflicts and Its Lessons for Modern Warfare

International Affairs Graduation Ceremony

Glenn Miller Ballroom
University Memorial Center

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Opening Remarks and Recognitions.....Thomas Zeiler
Director, International Affairs Program
Professor, International Affairs & History

Presentation of the Candidates.....Sarah Wilson Sokhey
Associate Professor
International Affairs & Political Science

Closing Remarks.....Thomas Zeiler
Director, International Affairs Program
Professor, International Affairs & History

Piano Player.....Willie Hammond

***Please join us for a celebratory reception on the UMC Terrace
immediately following the ceremony!***

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

Aldikan, Laura Sulaiman
Angell, Grace S →❖
Appiah, Justice ❖
Arias, Dominick Joseph
Avery, Alexia ❖
Banich, Luke Ronan
Bauer, Amelie Victoria →
Bayburtian, Gregor Bagrat
Benothman, Sandra
Benyoucef, Walid Mekki
Bian, Sarah Jackie →❖
Block, Alexa
Borncamp, Madeline Elizabeth
Bowersox, Britt
Buchanan, Harrison Macallan
Bulgheroni, Carlo
Burke-Bevis, Jack Emmett
Carl, Alexander Stone
Carlsson, Ryan Edward
Chiavaroli, Dominic J
Chudikova, Kristina
Clifford, Anya Frances
Corke, Kobe Jamal
Crist, Robert
Davidson, Sydney Anne Ying ❖
Deantoni, Finn Christian
Dell'Acqua, Elisa
Demo, Jude
Deter, Dalton J
DiCola, Eloise Grace ❖
Dugger, Jadeyn Evalyn ❖

Enquist, Senna Eileen
 Armstrong
Esty, Tucker James
Faylor, Jasper ❖
Ferro, Nicolas
Frazier, Jackson
Friedman, Ellie Rose
Glenn, Shelby Reese →❖
Goswami, Keegan Kole
Graham, Diego Alexander
Greenlee, Ethan Nguyen
Grossman, Hannah Bryn
Gucciardo, Jillian Grace
Ham, Mitchell Joseph
Hamilton, Frances Carolyn
Hamilton, Sage Westin
Hatke, Lily J
Hayes, Caleb Nathaniel
He, James
Hertel, Greta
Hiotis, Audrey Anna
Ishchenko, Valentina Maria →❖
Jacobs, Elizabeth Lochinvar →
Jeppe IV, Douglas Painton
Johnston, Emilia
Juarez Romero, Maria
 Guadalupe ❖
Keller, Ava Rose
Kerr, Braden McClure
King, Sebastian Forrest
Kizhnerman, Maria Jean
Kodjak, Elijah F

Krzystek, Kyrianna →❖
Kujundzic, Mina ❖
Kumar, Poornima Radha ❖
Lawal, Azimat Oluwatoba →
Layman Del Rivero, Joella
 Josefina ❖
Lee, Euichan
Lindsey, Alise Mae →❖
Long, Japhia Kezia
Martinez, Emma Fernanda ❖
Mashrouteh, Grey Edwin
McClafferty, Aaron
McDonald, Katherine Ann ❖
McKibben, Adeline Skye
Menendez, Jose
Meyer, Tessa A
Miller, Paige Elizabeth ❖
Morgan, Sean
Morris, Alexander Nelson
Morris, Nathan Jeffrey
Moya, Evelyn
Muzabibu, Rolla
Nasr, Zacharia S
Norman, Colin Michael
Ortega, Natalie →
Peden, Maria Jovita Delgado
Peralta, Denni ❖
Perez, Sydney Marie
Pitner, Jane Kathryn →❖
Price, Emma Catherine ❖
Reom, Vara Shiva ❖
Ruhl, Luke Paul →❖

Salman, Elizabeth Ruth
Sarvey, Lisa
Schoen, Donald Francis
Shawl, Katherine Elizabeth
Shea, Ethan ❖
Sibley, Cole Alexander
Smith, Cian HH
Smolyar, Maria-Natalie ❖
Sow, Khadija Lawelle →❖
Stiles, Kathryn ❖
Story, James McKelvey
Summers, Noah
Tawa, Nathalie Karmel
Tillett, Trevor James ❖
Tischman, Samuel
Urrutia, Montgomery James ❖
Vu, Duyen →❖
Wachtler, Indi S →
Waldman, Jolie Paige ❖
Wattz, Grace Joan Anetha
Webber, Edyn Rose ❖
Week, Tanner Bruce
Winstanley, Schuyler Grace
Windmueller, Clark
Yao, Natalie Eng

→ *Global Grant Recipient*
❖ *Graduating With Distinction*

Dear Graduates of the International Affairs Program,

Welcome to this celebration of your completion of the International Affairs major. Like your family and friends, we - the International Affairs faculty and staff - congratulate you on this milestone and expect that your academic achievements will open great opportunities for further study or careers, whether in the United States or in the global arena. We also hope that you take seriously your legacy as an International Affairs and University of Colorado Boulder graduate. Please keep in touch to tell us about your future endeavors, and we will reciprocate with communications to you about the faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Congratulations on your wonderful achievement as a graduate!

All the best,



Thomas Zeiler
Director, International Affairs Program

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