

MISSION

Denver Seminary prepares men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture. Through our educational programs and mentoring process the Seminary challenges students to grow spiritually, intellectually, and professionally in order to lead God's people in the accomplishment of His mission in the world.

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2026

Commencement

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 | 3:00PM

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OUR CHARTER

A RESURRECTION VISION FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Christ's resurrection establishes the reality by which all things are measured and the freedom in which Christian thinking delights. Because Christ has conquered death, Denver Seminary equips faithful, courageous, intelligent disciples. These leaders think and act from within resurrection reality, attending to Holy Scripture as God's word and engaging theology with the freedom that Christ's victory establishes.

Formed through integrated scholarship and supervised practice, graduates serve churches and communities with courage, joy, and lives conformed to God's redemptive purposes. We measure our success by the flourishing of the churches they serve, the joy their thinking produces, and the beauty of the gospel they embody.

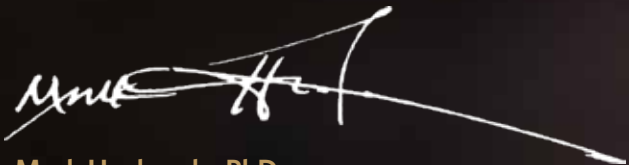
We make every decision in service of their formation, refusing to separate intellectual rigor from spiritual depth or theological courage from formational joy.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

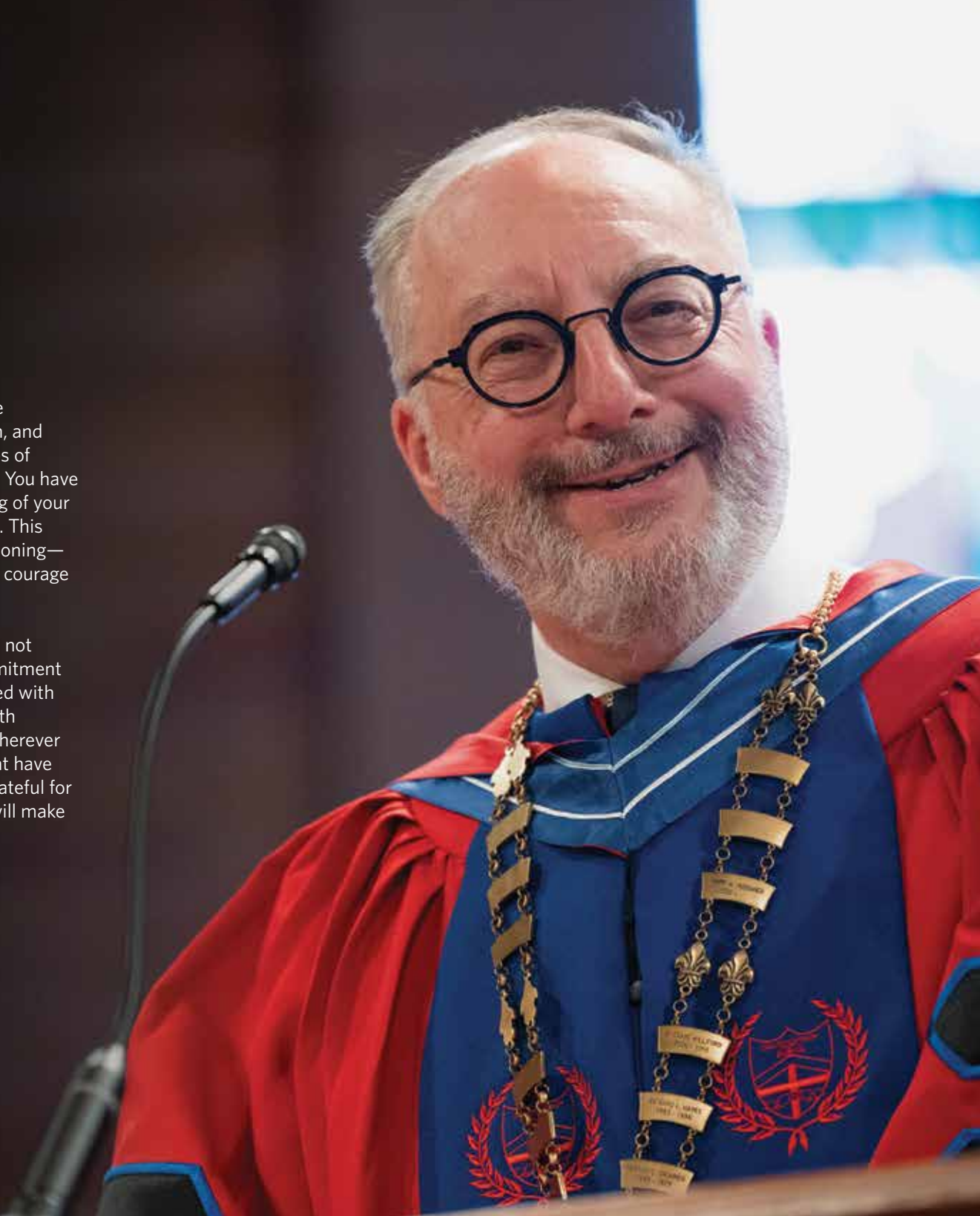
MARK HUSBANDS, PhD

Grace and peace to you, Class of 2026. Today marks the culmination of years of faithful study, spiritual formation, and perseverance. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and trustees of Denver Seminary, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. You have devoted yourselves to the pursuit of truth, the deepening of your faith, and the preparation for lives of meaningful service. This milestone is not simply an achievement, but a commissioning—an invitation to step forward with wisdom, humility, and courage into the work God has set before you.

As you go from this place, remember that your calling is not confined to a role or a title, but rooted in a lifelong commitment to love God and serve others. The world you enter is filled with both great need and great opportunity. May you lead with integrity, think with clarity, and act with compassion. Wherever your path leads, carry with you the values and vision that have shaped you here. We are deeply proud of you, we are grateful for you, and we look forward with hope to the impact you will make in the years ahead. Congratulations, graduates.



Mark Husbands, PhD
President



COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

MARK HUSBANDS, PhD

PRESIDING

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance
by Sir Edward Elgar

*INVOCATION

Dieumème Noëlliste, PhD
Professor of Theological Ethics

RECOGNITION OF DENVER SEMINARY COMMUNITY

Mark Husbands, PhD
President

*WORSHIP

Jeremy and Adrienne Camp
Worthy of It All
Great Are You Lord

*SCRIPTURE READING:

Philippians 2:3-4

Hélène Dallaire, PhD
*Earl S. Kalland Professor of Old
Testament and Semitic Languages*

Sung Wook Chung, DPhil
Professor of Christian Theology

Loretta Sanchez, PhD
Assistant Professor of Counseling

AWARDING OF HONORARY DOCTORATE

Mark Husbands, PhD

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Lisa Harper, DMin

EMERITUS RECOGNITION

Mark Husbands, PhD

RECOGNITION OF IDEAL, SETECA, AND LAY MINISTRY STUDENTS

Wilmer Ramírez, PhD
Director of Hispanic Programs

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Don J. Payne, PhD
*Vice President of Academic
Affairs, Academic Dean*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Mark Husbands, PhD

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Elisa Morgan, MDiv
Chair of the Board of Trustees

*WORSHIP

This Is Amazing Grace
In Christ Alone

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Darlene Seal, PhD
*Assistant Professor of
New Testament*

*BENEDICTION

Mark Young, PhD
Chancellor

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able*

*Our special thanks to
Jeremy and Adrienne Camp,
Antonio Porcheddu and Leif Skartland
for leading worship in this year's
Commencement ceremony.*

*Please silence mobile devices
in the sanctuary.*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DR. LISA HARPER

Recipient of Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree



Lisa Harper is a respected Bible teacher and popular public speaker who addresses audiences at churches, events, and conferences around the world and is described as both a hilarious storyteller and a theological scholar. She formerly served as the director of Focus on the Family's Women's Ministries and created the Renewing the Heart women's conference. Currently, Lisa hosts "Lisa Harper's Back Porch Theology" podcast and leads the popular Kerygma Summit each year in Nashville. But her favorite role by far is being Missy's mom!

Lisa holds a Master of Theological Studies degree from Covenant Theological Seminary and recently received her Doctor of Ministry degree. She has authored a dozen books including *Stumbling into Grace: Confessions of a Sometimes Clumsy Woman*; *A Perfect Mess*; *Believing Jesus*; and *Life: An Obsessively Grateful, Undone by Jesus, Genuinely Happy, and Not Faking it Through the Hard Stuff Kind of 100-Day Devotional*.





Congratulations

CLASS OF 2026

IDEAL AND SETECA PARTICIPANTS

Denver Seminary serves the Hispanic community around the United States and Latin America through the IDEAL Institute, Church Development program, Trauma Healing program, and the Central American Theological Seminary (SETECA) extension. These programs offer classes in Bible, theology, leadership, and other relevant topics in the metro Denver area and all around the Americas. The following students have satisfactorily completed their program.

IDEAL

BIBLICAL TRAINING PROGRAM (Plan de Formación Bíblica)

José Alfredo Blas Gutiérrez
Emma Pereira
Marcy Rivera
Bayron Sanites
Edwin Torres

MINISTERIAL TRAINING PROGRAM (Plan de Formación Ministerial)

Isauro Celaya
Camila Orduña Encinas
Letty Herman
Ruth Pedro

MINISTERIAL TRAINING PROGRAM (Plan de Formación Ministerial) (Online)

Sara Balcazar
Elvin Roque

DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL TEACHING (Diploma en Enseñanza Bíblica)

Deborah Fernández
Juan Carlos Saens

DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL PREACHING (Diploma en Predicación Bíblica) (Online)

María Luisa Alcívar Abad
Diego Fernando Pérez
Lily Patricia Cossio Quiroga
Felipe de Jesús Pérez Ramírez
Juan Aricoma Villafuerte
Javier Francisco Mendoza Yagual
Deysi Paola León Zambrano

SETECA

ASSOCIATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

Luis Enrique Pérez León
Dora Alejandra Pantaleón

DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

Albert Garfield Avery Sarmiento

LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Denver Seminary serves the Black Church communities of Colorado and Washington DC through the Black Church Programs. This lay-level program is designed to equip adult men and women to serve more confidently in positions of leadership in their church, Christian organization, or place of work. The following students have satisfactorily completed the requirements for the Lay Ministry Certificate.

Andrew Asjes
Theresa Brooks
Matthew Hubbard
Marques Johnson

Larry Thomas Leverett, Jr.
Otis Charles McKay, Jr.
Suzette Randolph

PROGRAM GRADUATES

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

CANDIDATE
Corinne Burch
Sara Carlson[^]
Rebecca Anne Chance Cordova
Christopher Dana
Karin DeHaven
Samantha Evans[^]
Kelsey Hanks
Jonathan Marin
Kristin King Ringoen[^]
Jerrme Stanton[^]

EMPHASIS
Professional Chaplaincy
Christian Formation
School Counseling
Biblical and Theological Studies
Biblical Hebrew and Semitic Languages
Biblical and Theological Studies
School Counseling
Christian Formation
Professional Chaplaincy
Biblical and Theological Studies

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Teresa Swanstrom Anderson
Lynne Marie Benik*
Adrienne Camp*
Lindsey Carr*
Kirsten Castillo
Jessica Connolly
Michele Kae Cushatt*
Renee Rizzo Devore*
Alyssa Gibbons^{^^}
Monica Alicia Guerrero*
Sharnice Lynneia Jenkins-Gallant
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Emily B. Mercer*

Trent Minor
Latasha Morrison
Jami Nato*
Stefani Sue Pady*
Pricelis Perreaux-Dominguez
Victoria Hope Petersen
Shelta Richardson-Linck*
Ashley Roethlisberger*
Kristina L. Sargent
Amy Seiffert*
Cassandra Leigh Speer
Patricia Weitzel
Robin Whitmire
Michael Zumwalt*

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH

Kyle Bartlett⁺⁺
Kyrie Boyarski⁺⁺
Hannah Brynteson⁺⁺
Cody Clapp⁺⁺
Marilyn Cleveland⁺⁺
Geoffrey Scot Cotton⁺⁺
Kendra Hale Curry⁺⁺
Elise Engel⁺⁺
Samantha Evans^{^^+}
Grace Finley⁺
Cindy Gao⁺⁺
Alyssa Gibbons^{^^+}
Elizabeth Gueck⁺⁺
Lisa Janae Henton⁺⁺
Christopher Johnson*
Elizabeth Rebecca Johnson⁺
Kerri Junge⁺⁺
Wendy Kantor⁺⁺
Sierra Love⁺⁺

Sydney Morawiec⁺⁺
Jenna Nims⁺⁺
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Danielle Marie Parrill⁺⁺
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Baylee Sheridan*
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Jerrme Stanton^{^^+}
Summer Swisher⁺⁺
Miriam Ulmer⁺⁺
Kathleen Elizabeth Vasquez⁺⁺
Esther Grace Wilkison⁺⁺
Bethany Wilmeth⁺⁺
Eric Christopher Young⁺⁺

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
AND SCHOOL COUNSELING

Taylor Bascue*+
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COUNSELING MINISTRIES

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AND COUNSELING

Ye Lin*
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LEADERSHIP

Sara Carlson^
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Jinjer Spears*

MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE

CANDIDATE

Abigail Bishop*
Emma Buckles*
Matthew David Canaga
Joel Cathey
Berkeley DeAngelo*
Peter Dusabe
John Michael Gilbert
Jeremy Hannich*
David Henderson*
Charles Hess*
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Joshua James Horstman*
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Sookhee Kim
Yohan Lee*
John Lemay*
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Christian D. Rainbolt*
Everette Risley*
Fredy Zakarias Saudale
Derrick David Sekamalira
Antonio Andre Wilson
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Yongze Zheng

NEW TESTAMENT

Christopher Breuer
Hannah Gabrielle Harris*
Hannah Johnson*

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Lyndi Lee Markus*
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THEOLOGY, JUSTICE,
AND SOCIAL ADVOCACY

Heidi M. Marinelli*

CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Brianna Brotzman Aldridge
Jonathan Klein*

CONCENTRATION

Old Testament
Leadership

Chaplaincy

Leadership

Chaplaincy

New Testament
Old Testament
Theology
Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy

Theology

Biblical Studies

MASTER OF THEOLOGY DEGREE

CANDIDATE

Richard Meehan*
Kab Ryun Park
MinChul Park*

CONCENTRATION

New Testament
New Testament
Theology

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY DEGREE

Tesfatsion Abebe

Leadership Track

Thesis: *The Effect of a Month-Long Workshop on Increasing Awareness of Mentors' Roles in Helping Ethiopian American Young Adults Enhance Their Sense of Purpose*

John R. Allen

Leadership Track

Thesis: *Leveraging Authentic Discipleship to Enhance the Ministry of the International Interfaith Peace Corp*

Samuel Chilkuri

Leadership Track

Thesis: *Characteristics of Christian Ashrams in North America That Are Successful in Reaching Young Adults*

Sung Moon Cho

Pastoral Skills Track

Thesis: *A Theological Study of the Role of Trinitarian Communal Bible Study in the Formation of Ecclesial Community and the Development of Christian Discipleship*

Sadie Lynn Dodson

Spiritual Formation Track

Thesis: *Understanding Psychological Safety and Its Role in Spiritual Growth*

Rick Eisenberg

Pastoral Skills Track

Thesis: *Characteristics of Successful Covenant Communities Within the Law of Christ at Redemption Church in Parker, Colorado*

Jason Kolacsky

Spiritual Formation Track

Thesis: *Equipping Believers for Times of Divine Absence Through Knowledge, Resilience, and Surrender*

David Pool

Leadership Track

Thesis: *Increasing Understanding of the Trustworthiness of the Bible at Grace Point Church in Powell, Wyoming*

Min Sanggi

Pastoral Skills Track

Thesis: *The Impact of Core Doctrinal Education in Reformed Eschatology on the Vitalization of Church Small Groups*

Joyce Marie Schroeder

Leadership Track

Thesis: *Helping Christian Organizations Navigate Change Regarding Women in Ministry and Leadership***Getachew Tadesse**

Leadership Track

Thesis: *Bridging the Generation Gap Between First and Second-Generation Christian Ethiopian Families***Tyler Thompson**

Leadership Track

Thesis: *Maintaining Relational Unity While Pursuing Differing Missional Paths***Kang Wonsik**

Pastoral Skills Track

Thesis: *The Effectiveness of Quiet Time as a Missional Tool***Philip Chanki Yun**

Leadership Track

Thesis: *A Study on the Effectiveness of Relationship Centered Discipleship Training Grounded in Christian Identity: A Focus on the Coram Deo Community Ministry in Denver*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE

(COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION)

Jessa Dillow Crisp**Dissertation:** *"We Are Important Too": Educational Experiences Counselors Have Had On Labor Trafficking***Dora Griffin****Dissertation:** *Investigating Caregiver Identification, Cultural Justification for Caregiving, Resiliency, Religiosity, and Positive Religious Coping as Predictors of Well-Being in African American Adult Caregivers of Their Parents***Diana Ellen Himes****Dissertation:** *Bridging Two Worlds: The Lived Experiences of Contracted School-Based Therapists Navigating School and Agency Systems***Jeremy Reichert****Dissertation:** *Examining the Relationship Between Perceptions of Free Will, Attachment Style, and Psychopathy Severity in Domestic Violence Offenders***Courtney Rae Wiebe****Dissertation:** *Degrees of Difficulty: Mentorship, Post Masters Experience, Finances, and the Family Life Cycle's Role in Retention in PhD-CES Students*

This program was accurate at the time it went to print. However, it is not intended to be an official list of graduates. Degree conferral is subject to the satisfactory completion of any remaining requirements.

* Master's degree students with a minimum GPA of 3.7

^ Earning more than one degree

+ Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society

AWARDS

Chaplain, Major General, Lorraine K. Potter Chaplaincy Award

Awarded for excellence and potential in the field of chaplaincy. Lorraine Potter was the first woman selected as the chief of chaplains for any branch of the United States military.

Christian Rainbolt
Kristin Ringo**Dr. Scott A. Wenig Excellence in Preaching Award**

In honor of Dr. Scott Wenig, Professor Emeritus of Applied Theology, this award is given to a graduate who has modeled an exceptional work ethic and commitment to the discipline of homiletics, while demonstrating the potential for excellence in preaching.

David Henderson

Training and Mentoring Award

Awarded by the Training and Mentoring faculty to a student mentee who has completed the Training and Mentoring curriculum and engaged the mentoring process with intentionality, self-direction, and reflection. This student has shown exemplary personal growth, received outstanding feedback from mentors, demonstrated a superior understanding of the importance and dynamics of mentoring, and displayed potential to mentor others based on their own Training and Mentoring experience.

Yong Koo Lee

Highest GPA Among MA Students

Awarded to MA students with the highest grade point average. These students must have taken at least two-thirds of their degree work at Denver Seminary.

Samantha Evans
Hannah Harris
Lisa Henton
Kerri Junge
Laurelee Martens**Highest GPA Among MDiv Students**

Awarded to the MDiv student with the highest grade point average. These students must have taken at least two-thirds of their degree work at Denver Seminary.

Emma Buckles
David Henderson**Vernon C. Grounds Outstanding Student Award**

Awarded by vote of both students and faculty to a graduating student who best emulates the character and convictions of Dr. Vernon C. Grounds. Dr. Grounds faithfully served Denver Seminary from 1951 until his death in 2010 in the offices of Dean, President, and Chancellor. He modeled Christ-like character, commitment to biblical truth and love, intellectual curiosity, academic excellence, and strong sensitivities for the poor, the broken, and the doubting. He loved people deeply and was passionate to see them grow in alignment with God's purposes.

Clayton Schultz

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

TODAY'S MILESTONE FOR OUR GRADUATES,
COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF YOUR OWN.

As we celebrate the dedication and achievement of today's graduates, consider where God may be calling you next. Denver Seminary offers a range of programs designed to equip you for thoughtful, faithful service, including the **Master of Arts, Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry, Master of Arts in Counseling, and PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision** —along with a variety of specialized **Graduate Certificates**.

Whether you are beginning your theological journey, deepening your calling, or expanding your impact in ministry, counseling, or leadership, there is a path for you here. Today's milestone could be the beginning of your own.

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IN MEMORIAM

**THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY REMEMBERS TWO OF
OUR STUDENTS WHO PASSED AWAY.**

PASTOR JEEHOON JUNG

Pastor Jeehoon Jung was an alumnus of our Master of Arts (Christian Studies) program and also a student in our Doctor of Ministry program when he passed away in June 2025. His Doctor of Ministry degree was conferred posthumously.

KYLE BARTLETT

Kyle Bartlett graduated with his Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in December 2025 and passed away in February.

We rejoice in the blessing of sharing in Jeehoon's and Kyle's lives, grieve their passing from this life to life eternal, pray God's peace for their families, and are comforted in the sure hope of the Resurrection.

