



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**APRIL 28, 2023**

SEAWELL BALLROOM  
Denver Center for the Performing Arts

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN

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RMCAD is an innovative, rigorous, and community-oriented global learning environment that inspires passion for critical thinking and prepares learners to be forces of change in the creative industries, our communities, and the world.

In 1963, Philip J. Steele founded Rocky Mountain School of Art as a private institution in the foothills of Colorado. His mission was to make RMCAD a ‘community of creatives’ that would instill in all students a passion for creativity, innovation, and a desire for lifelong learning—both in the fine arts and applied arts. He sought to nurture the individual talents of each student, to integrate critical thinking and analysis into their skills, and to contribute in socially responsible ways to the local, global, and professional communities.

Today, we celebrate the graduates who continue this tradition.

# COMMENCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

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## PROCESSIONAL + PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Brent Fitch

*President*

## OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Colin Marlaire

*Provost + Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs*

## INTRODUCTION OF VALEDICTORIAN

Robb Fladry

*Associate Vice President of Student Development + Dean of Students*

## VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

Shea Lutz

*Summa Cum Laude, Game Art*

## INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Robb Fladry

*Associate Vice President of Student Development + Dean of Students*

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Rebecca Vaughan

*Artist + Educator*

## PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES + AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Colin Marlaire

*Provost + Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Jessica Taylor

*Name Reader, Voiceover Artist*

## CLOSING REMARKS + RECESSIONAL

Robb Fladry

*Associate Vice President of Student Development + Dean of Students*

Dr. Colin Marlaire

*Provost + Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs*

# DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

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## ANIMATION

Sean Brown

*Chair*

## ART EDUCATION

Dr. Jenny Gawronski

*Chair*

## EDUCATION MEDIA DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Rebecca Reese

*Faculty*

Neely Patton

*Interim Chair*

## FASHION DESIGN

Stephanie Carlo

*Faculty*

## FINE ARTS

Jaime Carrejo

*Chair*

## FOUNDATIONS

Jaime Carrejo

*Chair*

## GAME ART

Sean Brown

*Chair*

## GRAPHIC DESIGN

Jim Reiman

*Chair*

## ILLUSTRATION

Scott Wakefield

*Chair*

## ILLUSTRATIVE DESIGN

Jay Hollick

*Chair*

## INTERIOR DESIGN

Adam Roland

*Chair*

## LIBERAL ARTS

Dr. Becky Black

*Head of Art History*

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim Reiman

*Chair*

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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## REBECCA VAUGHAN

Rebecca Vaughan was born and raised in Denver, CO. She has lived in the Netherlands and Canada. She received her MFA from Carnegie Mellon University and BFA cum laude in Sculpture at the University of Colorado, Boulder. To more fully pursue her art career, she departed working in non-profits and has instructed part-time for the Kansas City Art Institute, MWSU and RMCAD.

Rebecca Vaughan is a member of ArtNauts, an art collective that exhibits only in countries experiencing conflict and contention. She previously served as the Artistic Director of PlatteForum, a non-profit which hosts artists-in-residence from all over the world. While in residence, the artists are paired with under-resourced youth to create artworks that address topics of social justice and community. She recently served as the Program Director for the Art Students League of Denver and was the Chair of Fine Arts and Head of Sculpture at the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design. She held a residency as a Resource Artist at Redline Contemporary Art Center from 2011-2013. Previously she worked as the project manager for Ann Hamilton's 2008 Circles of O performance, and assisted in other projects in Dialog: City, a city-wide arts event for the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver.

She recently exhibited her work in a solo show at the 39th Sarajevo Winter Arts Festival in Bosnia and Herzegovina and is currently included in Redline's 15X Anniversary exhibition at the Denver Museum of Contemporary Art. She has shown widely in the Colorado region as well as in New York, Palestine, Mexico, Canada, China and Columbia. Her work has been in publications including the Chicago Art Journal and KnitKnit. Vaughan has received state grants from the Colorado Council on the Arts and Humanities and the Ohio Arts Council.

# BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS CANDIDATES

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## ANIMATION

### 2D

Allyson Ableman  
Onyinyechi Adiele  
Jordan Alhindi  
Kazzi Allen  
Clay Arnold  
Natasha Barszcz  
Stephen Davidson  
Aleeya Hamner  
Mirkala Huffman  
Tina Lor  
Jourdan Thorne

### 3D

Eve Ball  
Cheyenne Byrd  
Alyssa Hoshor  
Sydney Monae Jackson  
Shayla Ricardo  
Samuel Roberts  
Savanna Sims  
Chloe Young

## ART EDUCATION

Richard Broadbent  
Chase Fausett  
Danielle Glickman  
Cura Hartnett  
Abbigael Linkert  
Shannon Schultheis

## FASHION DESIGN

Sarah Fox  
Damaria Moye

## FINE ARTS

Tatyanna Anderson  
Casey De Bie  
Jacob Fronk  
Kate Kloepfer  
Isabella Lutz  
Morgan Beth Moxley  
Kimberly Stangl  
Halle Lorraine Warren

## GAME ART

Travis Bohlen  
Spencer Brown  
Aura Grace Hucks  
Tyler Julian Johnson  
Shea Lutz  
Cyrus Moore  
Ileana Rosa Morales Toro  
Orion Olson  
Angela Pohle  
Colton Poole  
Bonnie Rogers  
Christopher Simpson Jr.  
Hope Stalle  
Sydne Wiederspan  
Alycea Williams

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## GRAPHIC DESIGN

Oscar Ambriz  
Jonathon Diggle Black  
Amanda DeBell  
Andrew Moore  
Susan Leigh Norris  
Bailey Reynolds  
Billi Rogers  
Josue Salto  
Kamila Szymacha  
Jessica Vigil  
Emily Joanne Wilson

## ILLUSTRATION

Vanessa Bolivar  
Matthew Dean  
Evelyn Fernandez  
Alexis Finnegan  
Samantha Rachel London  
Adrian Mesino  
Talia Morgan  
Samantha Otto Wheatcroft

## CHILDREN'S BOOK

Christine Cole  
Emily Person

## CONCEPT ART

Sean Barragan  
Nikki Bier  
Nicole Bodine  
Emily Cermak

Dylan Douez  
Anna Sage Haszelbart  
Alexandria Howard  
Victoria Lane  
Jun Yi

## SEQUENTIAL ART

Ashley Evanoika  
Ashley Janelle Foland  
Ariel Reynolds

## ILLUSTRATIVE DESIGN

Lance Kohl  
Alyssa Gwendolyn Phipps  
Brienne Rodriguez  
Stephanie Nicole Urbina

## INTERIOR DESIGN

William Adkins  
Elaina Aierstok  
Gabrielle Allen  
Ashley Foland  
Nicole Jacobs  
McKenzie Lee Lunt  
Michelle Minter  
Zeina Rajab  
Josie West

## SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Leigh Baldwin  
Wendy Barthou

# BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS CANDIDATES

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Sarah Brewer  
Sarah Corbin  
Harly Dorrance  
Austin Frost  
Claire Horrigan  
Valerie Krueger  
Kip Larsen  
Felicia Miller  
Ashlee Moffatt  
Gabriella Basilea Rodriguez  
Jessi Ruscetta  
Moiria Ruth  
Tess Schlueter  
Kaylee Stubbings

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Norma Fernandez  
Elaine Garcia  
Lauryn Garrison  
Zaire Travaun Guyton  
Ton Schless  
Gwyn Wallace

# MASTER OF ARTS CANDIDATES

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## EDUCATION MEDIA DESIGN + TECHNOLOGY

Heather Collins

# THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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We're proud to welcome these graduates into the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design Alumni Association, a life-long resource for professional development and community. Visit [rmcad.edu/careerservices](https://rmcad.edu/careerservices) for more information.

## FREE COURSES WITH RMCAD RENEW

Audit courses within your original degree program for free.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / CAREER COACHING

One-on-one discussions, workshops, and resources for post-college professional life.

## RMCAD EMAIL ADDRESS

RMCAD.edu email remains active as a source for alumni updates (*Alternative email may be given in graduation survey if desired*).

## RMCAD STORE DISCOUNTS

5% off books and 10% off supplies at SPECTRUM and the bookstore website.

## PASSPORT: THE ONLINE JOB BOARD

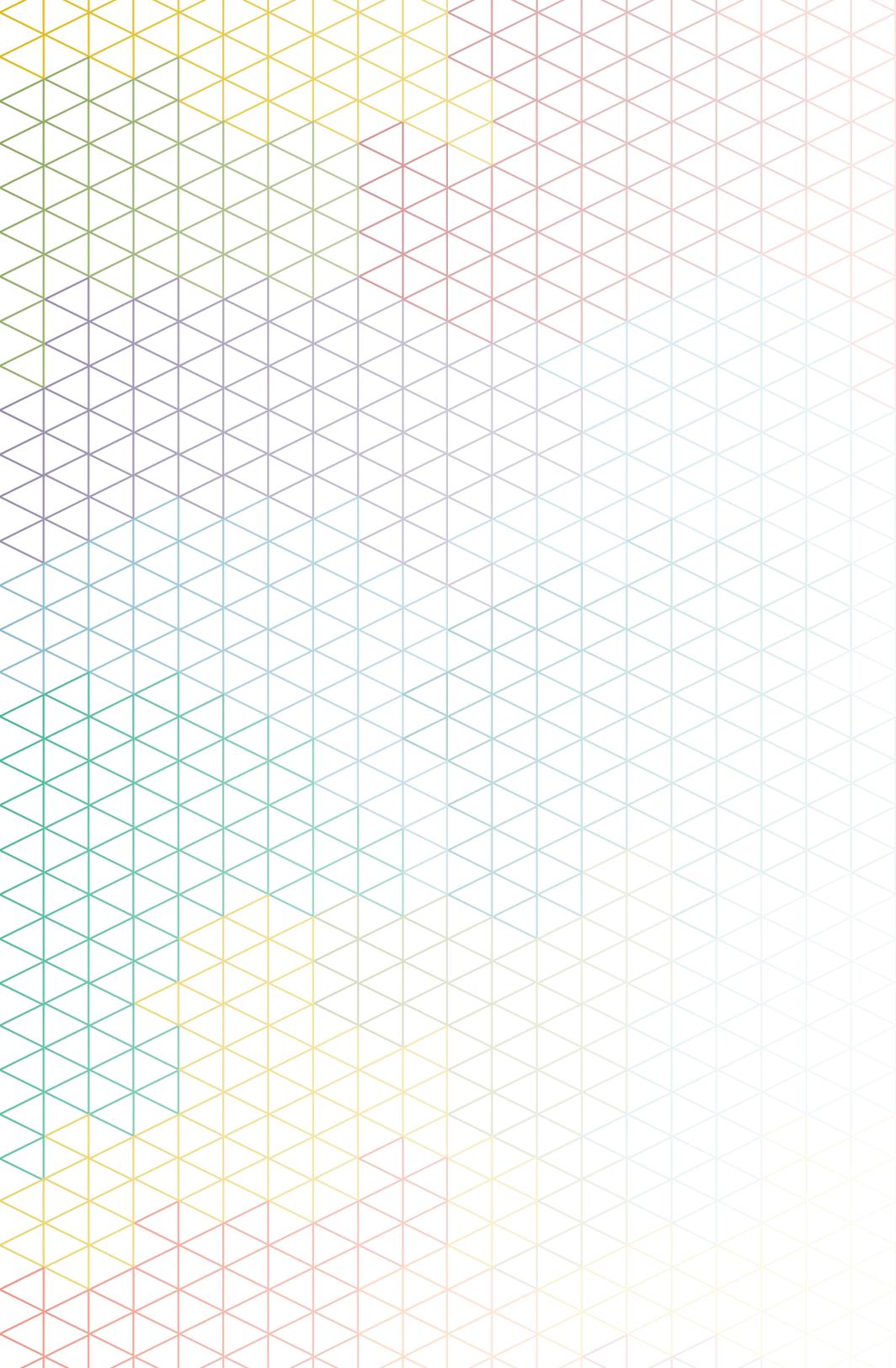
Employment and internship opportunities, specifically for RMCAD students and alumni.

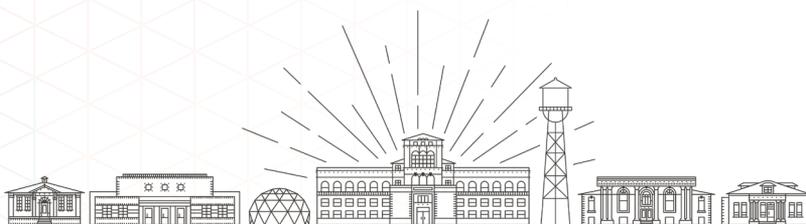
## ALUMNI PASS

Access to campus facilities, labs, printers, and more.

## ALUMNI GALLERY

Opportunity to showcase work in our Alumni Gallery





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## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

Please join us back at the RMCAD campus for additional graduation celebrations, including photo opportunities, complimentary refreshments, and the Spring Graduation Exhibition.

All graduates will also receive a \$50 discount from SPECTRUM on graduation day only. Visit us in person today!



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