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This month saw commencement ceremonies for thousands of graduates across the four CU campuses.

**CU Boulder** conferred more than 9,400 degrees during a cloudy yet joyous commencement ceremony May 9 at Folsom Field, with an estimated 30,000-plus family and friends gathered for the event. Read more in CU Boulder Today[3].

**UCCS** conferred more than 1,700 degrees to students from the Class of 2024 on May 10, with more than 1,300 graduates in attendance for the Spring 2024 Commencement ceremonies at the Broadmoor World Arena. Read more in Communique[4].

**CU Denver** celebrated the more than 2,200 graduates who earned degrees this term — many of whom attended the two ceremonies May 11 at the Denver Coliseum — including more than 100 veterans or active-duty military members. More than one-third of the Spring 2024 graduates are first-generation students. Read more in CU Denver News[5].

At the **CU Anschutz Medical Campus**, amid a crowd of bright smiles, joyous cheers and heartfelt hugs, Class of 2024 graduates from the University of Colorado School of Medicine celebrated one another's dedication to becoming equitable and empathetic health leaders during Monday's Hooding & Oath Ceremony. Read more in CU Anschutz Today[6].

## New state digital accessibility law takes effect July 1[7]

In 2021, the state of Colorado passed HB21-1110[8], which requires the university to meet new digital accessibility standards[9] for all information technology – both external and internal facing – by no later than July 1, 2024.

While the campuses have been making efforts toward digital accessibility for many years and have been working toward compliance with this law since 2021, a systemwide digital accessibility working group has been meeting over the last academic year to provide technical assistance and support for the campuses and system office to meet the July 1 deadline.

As part of these efforts, and to provide the necessary framework for university compliance with the new state law, the group proposed changes to APS 6011 Digital Accessibility[10], which is now posted on the Office of Policy and Efficiency (OPE) website.

If you would like to provide feedback on the new draft policy, please use the "feedback" link in the draft on the OPE website no later than June 7.

The systemwide working group also reviewed HB24-1454[11], which was recently passed during the 2024 legislative session. While HB24-1454 addresses liability standards through July 1, 2025, it does not change the university's obligations to comply with the new digital accessibility standards by July 1, 2024.

If you have any questions about the new digital accessibility standards as required by July 1, please contact your campus contact listed below:
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