

RMC 129th COMMENCEMENT SET FOR MAY 7

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ATTACHED: The list of 2011 Candidates for Graduation at Rocky Mountain College with hometowns.

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BILLINGS -- Actor, mime, and educator Mr. Bill Bowers returns to his alma mater to deliver this year's 129th Rocky Mountain College Commencement Address, May 7, 2011.

RMC graduates number 165, including those earning masters degrees in accountancy, educational leadership, physician assistant and bachelor degrees in arts and sciences.

Commencement, which will be held Saturday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m. in Fortin Education Center, is preceded by Baccalaureate Friday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th Street West.

Commencement is free and open to the public.

Mr. Bowers graduated summa cum laude from the College in 1981, and was that

year's President's Cup winner. He earned a Master of Fine Arts Degree from Rutgers University before launching a career as a Broadway actor and mime. He studied under legendary mime, Marcel Marceau.

Mr. Bowers was a recipient of the RMC Alumni Association Outstanding Achievement Award in 1999. In 2001, Mr. Bowers received an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from RMC.

Mr. Bowers will also be the guest speaker at the annual RMC President's Dinner, which begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., in the Great Room of Prescott Hall. Tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased by contacting Vicki Davison, RMC development director, (406) 657-1005 / vicki.davison@rocky.edu.

As an actor and mime, Mr. Bowers has performed throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Asia. He appeared on Broadway as Zazu in "The Lion King," and Leggett in "The Scarlet Pimpernel." His award winning solo play, "It Goes Without Saying," opened in New York to rave reviews, and has since been performed in 48 cities in 20 states. His acclaimed original mime shows, "Night Sweetheart, Night Buttercup," and "Under a Montana Moon," were also produced Off Broadway and received critical acclaim.

Mr. Bowers will perform his play, "It Goes Without Saying," in Billings, at Venture Theatre, May 8. He will premiere his new solo play, "Moving Pictures," in New York this fall. Billings Senior High Drama Department, which performed Mr. Bowers' play "Heyokah" in April, will take the production to the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland this summer. "Heyokah" has also been produced at the University of Wyoming, Manitou

Art Theater in Colorado Springs, and will have several more productions in the coming year.

Mr. Bowers has performed on the stages of Radio City Music Hall, Madison Square Garden, and the Kennedy Center. He can be seen in the feature film, "Two Weeks Notice," starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant. Mr. Bower's television/video credits include "All My Children," "One life to Live," "Law and Order," "The Onion News Network," and Disney's "Out of the Box." While on Broadway, he was also featured on "The Today Show" and "The Tony Awards."

Mr. Bowers presently teaches at New York University and the Neighborhood Playhouse, and presents master classes in mime and movement throughout the U.S. He is the recipient of the Glidden Fellowship at Ohio University, and the Artist of Eminence Fellowship at the University of Wyoming.

2011 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Honorary Baccalaureate Degree

In Memoriam: Maricela M. Lopez - Winnemucca, Nev

Master of Accountancy

Nichole Lee Haratyk - Wright, Wyo.

Kendra M. Leininger - Grangeville, Idaho

Michael Jerome Morasko - Ely, Nev.

Christa Nicole Schallock - Ronan, Mont.

Master of Educational Leadership

Tyler Ryan Arlint - Thompson Falls, Mont.

Ryan Christopher Boyle - Lexington, Neb.

Sam David Bruner - Billings, Mont.

Aubree Leigh Cunningham - Billings, Mont.

Annette Steiger Hart - Laurel, Mont.

Michael David Hodges - Great Falls, Mont.

Chadd Harold Laws - Thompson Falls, Mont.

Dale L. Olinger - Missoula, Mont.

Nathan Lee Olson - Westby, Mont.

Kathleen McCann Renander - Livingston, Mont.

Georgia D. Rutschke - Gillette, Wyo.

Master of Physician Assistant Studies

Kade Douglas Anderson - Idaho Falls, Idaho

Autumn Panagopoulos Barrett - Colstrip, Mont.

Kacey Lyn Brodie - Missoula, Mont.

Andrew Logan Brower - Saint Anthony, Idaho

Samantha B. Brunner - Spokane, Wash.

Robert Fredrick Denning - Big Sandy, Mont.

Bryce T. Doak - Billings, Mont.
Maggie Lea Dutcher - Gillette, Wyo.
Bridget C. Eckley - Billings, Mont.
Rachel Ann Hanson - Olympia, Wash.
Julie Suzanne Henningsen - Bozeman, Mont.
Heather Elise Henson - Traverse City, Mich.
Kaycee Lynn King - Columbia Falls, Mont.
Christina Krippner - St. Joseph, Minn.
Erin Lynn Lafavor - Billings, Mont.
Thomas J. Murray - Billings, Mont.
Dan Arthur Nicholls - Lovell, Wyo.
Angela Marie Redder - Powell, Wyo.
Tanner Jared Rienhart - Billings, Mont.
Joshua Lupine Spuhler - Bozeman, Mont.
Ashley Tucker Westbrook - Bedford, N.H.

Bachelor of Arts

KKK Summa Cum Laude 3.8 - 4.0 GPA

KK Magna Cum Laude 3.6 - 3.79 GPA

K Cum Laude 3.4 - 3.59 GPA

Ashley Megan Abraham - Butte, Mont.
Randy Jo Ackerman*** - Wolf Point, Mont.
Kaila Marie Acoba - St. Helens, Ore.
Elizabeth Anne Anseth* - Billings, Mont.

Rebecca Rose Baken - Billings, Mont.
Laura Anne Beach - Baker, Mont.
Sarah Elizabeth Bishoff* - Gardiner, Mont.
Catherine Ann Daem* - Billings, Mont.
Alexandra Jacqueline DeShields* - Camarillo, Calif.
Michelle Renee Feller*** - Billings, Mont.
Kylie Dee Griffeth - Preston, Idaho
Marni Lynn Hale*** - Whitefish, Mont.
Joel Robert Harris*** - Fort Smith, Mont.
Martha Hawkins*** - Billings, Mont.
Danielle Rae Henderson - Reed Point, Mont.
Jordan Kathleen Johnston - Eagle, Colo.
Tyler Jack Kaufmann** - Elkhorn, Neb.
Mercedes Jade Langley - Rocanville, Sask., Canada
Rebeccah Anne Maier*** - Kirkland, Wash.
Ellen Elizabeth Moak*** - Billings, Mont.
Jesse Jay Moore*** - Roundup, Mont.
Natalie Anne Nason** - Covington, Wash.
Kyoko Nishiyama - Kumamoto, Japan
Jessica Ann Olson*** - Billings, Mont.
Courtney Michelle Reiter - Rockford, Ill.
Matthew H. Rockeman*** - Billings, Mont.
Elizabeth Anne Sager** - Wilsall, Mont.
Stefani Kay Tift - Minneapolis, Minn.
Traci Renee Whitaker** - Denton, Mont.

Bachelor of Science

KKK Summa Cum Laude 3.8 - 4.0 GPA

KK Magna Cum Laude 3.6 - 3.79 GPA

K Cum Laude 3.4 - 3.59 GPA

Lori Ann Ahern*** - Broadview, Mont.

Miranda Montana Ainslie*** - Lavina, Mont.

Rose Kathleen Alfieri*** - Island Park, Idaho

Hilary Charlotte Alweis*** - Billings, Mont.

Carroll Dyrenforth Anawalt - Pasadena, Calif.

Matthew Lee Ashley - Rosebud, Mont.

Tina Michele Ayers - Elna, Wash.

Kristin M. Ballbach* - Rapelje, Mont.

Nathan Andrew Barnett - Dana Point, Calif.

Ismail Khalid Becirevic - Belle View, Va.

Allison Kay Beckers - Billings, Mont.

Scott Thomas Benson - Laurel, Mont.

Abraham L. Bosco - Billings, Mont.

Shannon Kasey Bowers - Grandville, Mich.

Holly Byers - Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Tyler Rex Chandler - Ketchum, Idaho

Hannah Elizabeth Chorn - Port Orchard, Wash.

Gentry Michael Christophel - Alpha, Minn.

Rae Marie Clossen*** - Falmouth, Mich.

Ashley Lynn Coburn** - Bozeman, Mont.
Kevin Robert Concienne - Grandview, Wash.
Alexander George Conklin - Worden, Mont.
Timothy James Cook, Jr. - Cottage Hills, Ill.
Steven E. Dean - Costa Mesa, Calif.
Denise Rachelle De Leone - Redmond, Ore.
Mark Andrew Desin - Billings, Mont.
Brittany Marie Dockter*** - Great Falls, Mont.
Melissa Ann Dodge - Billings, Mont.
Melinda Ann Driscoll* - Billings, Mont.
Rebecca Lynn Ebert - Kalispell, Mont.
Kale Anton Eike - Melstone, Mont.
Allison Eilers - Billings, Mont.
Lacey Ann Eklund - Kalispell, Mont.
Alison Evian Elwell* - Marysville, Wash.
Colby Epperson** - Cody, Wyo.
Ian Cecil Erickson - Billings, Mont.
Dustin Paul Fenger - Shelby, Mont.
Ryan David Floerchinger - Anchorage, Alaska
Stephen L. Fowler** - Billings, Mont
Grant Richard Gagnon - Helena, Mont.
Bijan Gavahi - Valencia, Calif.
Heather Catherine Grotbo* - Helena, Mont.
Nolan Hualong Gudmundson - White Sulphur Springs, Mont.
Sarah Eve Hammack - Dekalb, Ill.

Jamie Nicole Hartman - Highwood, Mont.
Andrew Travis Hewins** - Vero Beach, Fla.
Nathan Lane Hofer - Billings, Mont.
Lee Grant Holmberg - Hot Springs, Mont.
DeAnthony DeWayne Holmes - Tulare, Calif.
Aaron Mitchell Holt - Fallbrook, Calif.
Lindsey JoAnne Holzwarth - Billings, Mont.
Stephanie Ann Jensen* - Billings, Mont.
Benjamin Thomas King*** - Alton, N.H.
Lorne Michael King - West Linn, Ore.
Brittany Ann Knudtson* - Kent, Wash.
Darrell John Kovach - Malta, Mont.
Matthew Edwin LaBar - Wibaux, Mont.
Anna Marie LaFountain* - Billings, Mont.
Morgan Rose Landeraaen* - Scobey, Mont.
Christina M. Lasater - Shepherd, Mont.
Elizabeth Sarah Lewis - Fallon, Nev.
Carrie Elizabeth Little*** - Missoula, Mont.
Mandi Marie Loucks - Grand Junction, Colo.
Charles H. Lowery - Laurel, Mont.
Marni Kay Magnuson** - Miles City, Mont.
Luke Andrew Mahlen - Williston, N.D.
Lindsay Kaye Martens - Colstrip, Mont.
Morgan Patricia Matteson - Pendleton, Ore.
Kayle Richard Michael** - Harlowton, Mont.

Jacqueline Michelle Nelson* - Great Falls, Mont.
Oscar Noel Nelson - Eureka, Calif.
Dmitriy Serpeevich Nesmeyanov - Federal Way, Wash.
Nathan Jehiel Oak - Park City, Mont.
Jennifer Marie Orchard - Polson, Mont.
Jessica Jo Overstreet*** - Three Forks, Mont.
Matthew Pallett - Kingman, Ariz.
Jason Michael Patch - Miles City, Mont.
Kasey Patrick Peters - Newport Beach, Calif.
Grant Walter Phillips - Billings, Mont.
Lara Gayle Pott - Morrison, Colo.
Edward Ross - Orange County, Va.
Kathryn Reilly Rossner - Hayden, Idaho
Andrew Dean Scheffer** - Friday Harbor, Wash.
Molly Anna Schenderline - Ranchester, Wyo.
Gretchen Mairin Scherzinger - Lopez Island, Wash.
Adam Joseph Schutzman* - Cody, Wyo.
David Souther - Billings, Mont.
Jordan Christopher Strecker - Bighorn, Mont.
Blake Mitchell Summers - Jackson Hole, Wyo.
Erin Kate Sutherland-Evans* - Adelaide, Australia
Jesse Thomas Taylor - Vancouver, Wash.
Stacey Devon Terrell - Billings, Mont.
Jennifer-Leigh Teten** - Tuttle, Okla.
Michael Dean Thomas - Pullman, Wash.

Brea Marie Tinnes - Billings, Mont.

Ian Arthur Turner*** - Hayden, Idaho

Ilya Vasilevskiy - Venice, Fla.

Sterling B.Vine - Cody, Wyo.

Kayla Danielle Walter - Windermere, BC, Canada

Patrick Joseph Wolters - Columbus, Mont.

Casey Richard Worth* - Walla Walla, Wash.

Bachelor of Science - Honorary Baccalaureate Degree

Maricela M. Lopez - Winnemucca, Nev.

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