



OGDEN-WEBER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# COMMENCEMENT

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# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Welcome Araceli Mora, Student of the Year  
*Cosmetology, Nursing Assistant*

Opening Remarks James R. Taggart, President  
*Ogden-Weber Technical College*

Alum Speaker Olivia Favero,  
*Miss Rodeo America 2026*

Keynote Speaker Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, President/CEO  
*Council on Occupational Education*

Special Recognition James R. Taggart, President  
*Ogden-Weber Technical College*

**Presentation of Graduates** Nalleli Espinoza, Student of the Year  
*Medical Assistant*

Closing Remarks James R. Taggart, President  
*Ogden-Weber Technical College*



**Olivia Favero**  
*Miss Rodeo America 2026*

Olivia Favero is Miss Rodeo America 2026. The 22-year-old Taylor, Utah native represented her home state at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant as the 2025 Miss Rodeo Utah, becoming the 7th woman from her state to win the prestigious national title.

A dedicated horsewoman and a rising leader in the equine industry, Olivia embodies the spirit, grace, and grit of rodeo. She is a graduate of the Ogden-Weber Technical College Cosmetology program and is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Communication from Weber State University. Alongside her studies, she worked at her local farm store and as a cosmetologist, allowing her to build meaningful connections with customers, clients, and her community.

Olivia enjoys riding dirt bikes on mountain trails, training horses, and helping on her family's farm. Her deep love for agriculture, horsemanship, and the Western way of life fuels her commitment to preserving and promoting the traditions she holds dear.

**Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, President and CEO**  
**Council on Occupational Education**



Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, President and CEO of the Council on Occupational Education, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his position. He is entrusted with the overall leadership of the accreditation agency consisting of over 500 member institutions in over 40 states. As President & CEO, Dr. Nooks is responsible for steering the day-to-day operations while upholding the agency's mission of "Assuring quality and integrity in career and technical education."

Dr. Nooks' journey to this national leadership role is marked by a distinguished career that spans both the private and public sectors, accumulating over 25 years of invaluable education and engineering experience. Recently, Nooks served as a college president at two different institutions over a ten-year span.

A prolific author and presenter, Dr. Nooks remains actively engaged in addressing pivotal issues such as college and university leadership, strategic planning, and the workforce education ecosystem.

Dr. Nooks holds a doctorate in higher education administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., along with an MBA in marketing and a bachelor of science in industrial management from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

## GUIDE TO THE COLOR CORDS & MEDALS WORN BY GRADUATES

	<b>White</b>	<b>National Technical Honor Society*</b>
	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Business &amp; Computer Technology</b>
	<b>Green</b>	<b>Construction Technology</b>
	<b>Burgundy</b>	<b>Health Technology</b>
	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Manufacturing Technology</b>
	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Service Technology</b>
	<b>Red, White, Blue</b>	<b>Veteran^</b>
	<b>Red Ribbon w/ Medal</b>	<b>Student who completed a program in High School</b>
	<b>White Stole</b>	<b>Student Advisory Council~</b>
	<b>Red &amp; White Stole</b>	<b>SkillsUSA</b>

\*Students wearing the white cords and tassels were nominated by their instructors and inducted into the National Technical Honor Society based on their progress, attendance, technical skills, citizenship, service and performance in training.

**Business & Computer Technology Programs:** Business, Computer Programming, Digital Design, Graphic Design, Information Technology Systems, Networking and Cybersecurity, Real Estate

**Construction Programs:** Computer Aided Design, Construction, Electrical Trades Preparation, Electrician Apprentice Related Instruction, Plumber Apprentice Related Instruction

**Health Programs:** Dental Assisting, Medical Assistant, Medical Coding and Billing Specialist, Nursing Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy

**Manufacturing Programs:** Automation Technology, CNC Machinist Technician, Composites, Industrial Automation, Machinist, Manufacturing Technician, Non-Destructive Inspection, Welder Production, Welding Technology

**Service Programs:** Automotive Service Technology, Barbering, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Nail Technician



## Congratulations, Graduates!

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**ALUM ASSOCIATION**  
OGDEN-WEBER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## GRADUATING STUDENTS

### BUSINESS & COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

#### **Business**

Abrianna Aguilar  
Anna Boone  
Lizbeth Castaneda\*  
Lakesha Clay  
Aubree Cook  
Danick DeHerrera\*  
Genesis Duron  
Jessica Estrada  
Luis Fuentes  
Chloe George  
Tessa Gonzalez  
Albert Hernandez  
Lori Hinchcliff  
Maddie Johnson\*  
Kattye Juarez  
Valerey Keeffer  
Mark King  
Kamden Lee  
Jadira Lopez Abeldano  
Jessica Lyness  
Christian Marquez  
Courtney Martin  
Julie Moreno De La Cruz  
Aletha Neuman\*  
Natalie Parslow  
Tashanie Perea  
Arlin Perez Aguaz  
Jose Perez Dominguez  
Victor Reyes Olave  
Tashanie Perea  
Jessica Robison  
Tylee Shupe\*  
Bailey Smout  
Ashlee Starr  
April Solano Molina  
Jackson Summers  
Gabriel Tiedgen

Jessica Ruiz  
Kenia Torres Quintero  
Chloe Valadez  
Vincent Venancio  
Randilynne Varney\*  
Brittany Wheelright  
Mara Zicker

#### **Computer Programming**

Coby Salazar

#### **Digital Design**

Michael Chambers\*  
Aleksis Cornejo  
Ashleigh Howell  
Jessie Green\*  
Morgan Mander  
Anthony Ortiz  
Ethan Perez  
Valerie Perry  
Emily Walker

#### **Graphic Design**

Lexi Child\*  
Gina Kirkwood\*  
Dayra Mantilla

#### **Information Technology Systems**

Raymundo Aparicio\*  
Lincoln Bakker  
Caleb Bartholomew  
Nathan Bartholomew  
Nicholas Bell  
Jacob Adam Burgess  
Katerina Caruso  
Daniel Cebrreros  
Braxton Grieve\*  
Carson Hardy  
Lilli Ipsen  
Junaid Wahab

Benjamin Jessop\*  
Owen Johnson  
Joshua King\*  
Michael Knight  
Karen McGarr  
Chris Perez  
Max Love  
Jorge Ocasio  
Luke Olsen\*  
Isaac Rodenbough  
Michelle Rhoads  
Natasha Splawn  
Masen Thompson  
Lilli Ipsen  
Rory Woodward  
Xander Wright

#### **Networking and Cybersecurity**

Tyler Anderson\*  
Johnnie Bell  
Jack Borowski\*  
Sergio Cordova  
Jorge Dominguez  
Cameron Gaskin\*  
John Gore^  
Michael Knight  
Braydn Linke  
Matthew Moeller  
Dallin Nelson  
Jorge Ocasio  
Andrew Parks^  
Gladys Patino  
Jay Shrock  
Josias Vidrio^  
Mariet Young

#### **Software Development**

Alejandro Cuadros  
Anthony Cubillas  
Shawn Piep  
McKenna Holt  
Jace Goodrich

#### **Real Estate**

Kaiolu Alanso  
Jennaice Belden-Pollock  
Justin Braun  
Sarah Brown  
Maria Castillo  
James Davenport  
Erika Flores  
Delyah Garcia  
Sophie Gomez  
Alaya Guerrero  
Tiffany Heffernon  
Marleni Hernandez-Diaz  
Jessica Longoria  
Sarah Lucio  
Berenice Macias  
Melody Maldonado Acuna  
Navaeh Melendrez  
Kaybreigh Moore  
Phillip Obas  
Jessica Pitts  
Dexter Platter^  
Alejandro Reyes  
Lisy Reyes Izaguirre  
Annely Rosales  
Leia Salazar  
Kylee Southworth  
Kenneth Tellez Bermudez

### CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

#### **Carpentry Fundamentals**

Halen Eggli

#### **Computer Aided Design**

Adam Griffith  
Colton Overduyn  
Rylan Doak

**Drafting and Design**

Nikovia Braham  
 Arielle Draper\*  
 Morgen Hansen  
 Scott Sorenson

**Electrical Trades Preparation**

Emma Meaney  
 Julian Quintero  
 Desmond Elliot

**Electrical Apprenticeship**

Shelton Adams^  
 Maria Aguilera  
 Rodrigo Aviles  
 Juan Carreno  
 Harley Christensen  
 Jonathan Elkins  
 Preston Jones  
 Keaton Lane  
 Robert Mendoza  
 Dalton Morse  
 Israel Nava  
 Randall Pitts Jr.  
 Daniel Rios  
 R Miles Weston  
 Parker Winterbottom

**Plumbing Apprenticeship**

Braden Gallegos  
 Eric Sanchez

**HEALTH PROGRAMS****Dental Assisting**

Madaly Altamirano Avila  
 Valeria Aparicio López  
 Natali Aza\*  
 RaeAunna Buelna  
 Preciosa Campos-Lopez\*  
 Ebelyn Contreras  
 Trista Day  
 Mahryka Gerritsen\*  
 Jennifer Gonzalez  
 Nailea Hernandez  
 Amy Herrera

Jasmin Lopez  
 Anastasia Mendoza  
 Charlotte Rivera  
 Whitney Roberts\*  
 Tiffany Straton  
 Lenica Toca

**Medical Assistant**

Erika Alcaraz Zamarripa  
 Emmersen Armstrong  
 Mariana Anguiano  
 Caitlyn Allen  
 Abigail Barbadillo  
 Georgina Bangert  
 Riley Burris\*  
 Chrissy Cantonwine  
 Sarah Capps  
 Lacy Chadwick  
 Mercedes Christensen  
 Lisa Cook\*  
 Lailah Davis  
 Sadie Daniels  
 Rachael Delgado  
 Danae Didericksen  
 Nalleli Espinoza ♦  
 Sidney Garcia  
 Mirian Garcia  
 Peter Giles  
 Marissa Gomez  
 Edward Guzman  
 Asia Hernandez  
 Chloie Hickman  
 Ana Manzanarez  
 Tegan Morris  
 Amber Myers  
 Velicity Romero  
 Bianca Santos  
 Danielle Smith  
 Anna Tiffner\*  
 Kayla Udy  
 Keila Valenti  
 Josylyn Vogel  
 Julia Villagomez

Bailey Wade  
 Katelyn Waller  
 Marley Williams

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 Dorothy Andreasen  
 Nicole Belan  
 Perla Ruby Castro  
 Ariana Diaz  
 Sandi Drca  
 Cierra Drew  
 Jessenia Nolzaco Hernandez  
 Nicole Ford  
 Mayra Gonzalez  
 Rebecca Good  
 Taylor Griffin  
 Kaitlin Jensen  
 Caitlen Kellogg  
 Holly Kidd  
 Danielle Layton  
 Cathy Maisy\*  
 Jerry McNeal  
 Natsuko K Moore\*  
 Ariadne Pluim~  
 Haley Rasmussen  
 Lucieene Ruiz\*  
 Hayley Sanders  
 Ashley Sandoval  
 Codi Smith

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 Rylee Birch  
 Mikayla Blakley  
 Nathaniel Bochert  
 Kamberleigh Bone  
 Mia Bueno  
 Kate Cabrera  
 Jonnathan Canchola  
 Jocelyn Castro  
 Zureidy Cervantes  
 Ciara Chavez  
 Aubrie Cook

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 Sophia Corona  
 Tatiana Correa  
 Yissell Covarrubias  
 Brandileigh Cruz  
 Makaia Daniels  
 Rickie Davis  
 Mariah Delgado  
 Analicia Diaz  
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 Jessica Dominguez  
 Onesty Dominguez-Jensen  
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 Raniya Furlow  
 Jade Garcilazo  
 Aaliyah Garcia  
 Chloeine Garder  
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 Marissa Gomez  
 Navaeh Gomez  
 Jamie Gonzalez  
 Rosalba Gonzalez  
 Ruth Gonzalez  
 Lilia Guzman  
 Vanessa Hernandez  
 Gilberto Ibarra  
 Lynn Johnson  
 Morgan Krolak  
 Chelsea Lackey  
 Aidyn May  
 Nancy Medina  
 Esperanza Morales  
 Jo Von Ogygia-Onile\*  
 Marta Ortega  
 Shane Newell  
 Karen Paz Portillo  
 Shyan Peden  
 Emy Penate Deras  
 Marisa Rivera\*  
 Hannah Rodriguez  
 Elisa Rubio  
 Cristian Ruiz  
 Isaac Ruiz  
 Kylie Stimpson\*  
 Dereck Stout  
 Sarah Streeper

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Alexander Zavala  
Angelica Vasquez  
Asvin Vazquez  
Genevieve Wickliffe

**Pharmacy Technician**

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Samantha Castillo  
Lacey Feik  
Esperanza Guereca  
True James  
Jaren Jensen  
Justus Lockridge  
Kileah Menlove  
JoyAnne Neil  
Andrew Nichols  
Brooke Peterson  
Milan Peterson  
Miana Valdez\*  
Staci Van Dyke~

**Phlebotomy**

Ashley Arballo  
Silvia Carranza  
Lisa Cowley  
Brianna Dixon  
Sara Draper  
Ivy Arreola Escobar  
Brianna Garcia  
Amanda Guptill  
Lindsey Hales  
Andrew Harris  
Jasmine Lopez Arreola  
Madison McCubbin  
Brianna Nzali  
Leah Orosco

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Sayre Walker  
Jessie Yeoman  
Ali Zacher

**MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS**

**Automation Technology**

Daniel Clark  
Dustin Killough  
Jon Pilgrim\*  
Julia Piedrasanta\*  
Muniz Renteria  
Austin Corvin  
Kaysen Parkinson ♦~

**CNC Machinist Technician**

Charles Peek  
Marleny Kitchen

**Controls Technician**

Logan Tolson  
Isaiah Thomas

**Control Systems & Robotics**

Christopher Carlton\*  
Ryan Peterson

**Composites**

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Brecken Hair  
Alea Harrison  
Aubree Roche  
Lee Soto Salas\*  
Nathan Montes  
Michael Ortiz\*  
Jonas Pratt

**Industrial Automation**

Paul Carrillo  
Marisol Duran  
Brandon Leavitt  
Isaiah Thomas  
Kallen Leffert  
Jonathon McCubbin  
Julia Piedrasanta\*

**Machining Technology**

George Alejandro  
Blake Dixon\*  
Zach Webber  
Alexander Alexis  
Casey Draper\*~  
Jesse Picazarri

**Manufacturing Technician**

Bryan Aceves  
Jorge Alcaras  
George Alejandro  
Leah Brown  
April Brown  
Richard Carter  
Angela Clifton  
Karyn Compean  
Isaac Escobar  
Colton Fletcher  
Marlet Hurtado  
Dan Hathaway  
Brandon Hutchinson  
Sandra King\*  
Brandon Leavitt  
Emerald Lor  
Aurora Miranda  
Nadia Moreno  
Kaysen Parkinson ♦~  
Rames Ryan  
Allyssa Stock

Katherine Torres  
Robert Vang  
Juanid Wahab

**Non-Destructive Inspection**

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Daisy Fisher  
Alan Guiza  
Seth Hardy^  
Miguel Maldonado\*^  
Victoria A Mendez^  
Tina Mastain  
Alexander Rosales  
Alan Wade

**Welder Production**

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Owen Maszka  
Franko Nakai  
Garry Ostler\*  
John Ronquillo

**Welder Technology**

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Joshua Christensen  
Isaac Gallegos  
Taila Gilbert\*  
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Daniel Hernandez  
Luke Irvine  
Chadwick Johnson\*  
Porter Mortensen  
Zachary Phillips  
Steven Powell  
Hunter Ritz^\*  
Luiz Rodriguez  
Matthew Rose  
Ethan Rowberry  
Kody Stevenson\*  
Alec Sullens^

## SERVICE PROGRAMS

### **Automotive Service Technology**

Chaylynn Christofferson  
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Jayden Healey  
Adamaris Jiminez  
Christina Katusin  
Jaxsen Mills  
Denise Ortiz  
Garrett Parrinello\*  
Michael Rodas  
Isabelle Spencer  
Jakob Terklesen\*  
Alexandra Trevino  
Alexis Vargas  
Andrea Vega~  
Lindsey Velazquez\*  
Bridger Youngman  
Heather Turner  
Jaycinthe Teague  
Ashton Goodwin  
Mirna Silvas  
Jesus Silvas Vargas  
Aubrey Thronley\*

### **Barbering**

Jordan Aleman  
Linny Berry  
Andrew Billings  
Brianna Candelas  
Billie Carson\*  
Huver Cruz  
Tristan Gallegos  
Jesse Garcia  
Kevin Garcia

Vincent Gladstone  
Giovanni Guerrero Estrada  
Miguel Flores Camacho  
Wistong Fraijo  
Santiago Herrera  
Colt Lund  
Apisaloma Matamu^  
Luis Angel (Bean) Mandiola  
Santana Ortega  
Sebastian Rivas  
Jakob Romero  
Angelo Sandoval  
Darien Vasquez  
Gabriel Vasquez  
Edgar Villa

### **Cosmetology**

Bailey Adams  
Aliyah Anderson  
Mailee Brown  
Hailey Burt\*  
Kynlee Campbell  
Leah Crowell  
Hadley Child\*~  
Tyra Coats  
Emma Cordero  
Addyson Crowther  
Abigail DeYoung  
Emilee Dickamore  
Amy Dixon  
Gracey Ellison  
Marizeli Escarano  
Noelia Espinoza Rodriguez  
Evelin Frias  
Sydney Green  
Lyse Guerrero  
Ryenne Hill  
Kalli Hurst  
Ava Jacobson  
Taylor Jenkins  
Ro Jones  
Caden Krise\*  
Addisen Larsen Ware  
Lynicia Malone

Amber Mares  
Alexis Lueders  
Monaka Martin  
Sophia Martinson  
Amelia Millan  
Xitlali Montano Sanchez  
Abigail Musick  
Mickensie Palmer  
Cailin Parker  
Sara Petersen^  
Kinlee Pitcher  
Erica Romero  
Makayla Sederholm  
Maddy Smith  
Emmalee Thompson  
Finley Thomspen  
Breanna Turner  
Karley Ware\*  
Shania Wildman^

### **Culinary Arts**

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Karleigh Cochrane  
David Gardner  
Albion Holbrook  
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Maleek Marshall  
Emily Pautz  
Justin Powers  
Brenden Rogers  
Yuridia Tepuri  
Samuel Vaughn  
Kristin Williams  
Eliza Green\*  
Willson Wang

### **Nail Technician**

Mercedes Andersen  
Kimberly Andrade  
Alina Aparicio

Kaylee Arreguin  
Haykee Castaneda  
Leilani Cazarez  
Chandler Christensen  
Jayslin Christensen  
Jayda Coria  
Audrey Cooper  
Lucia Reyes Correa  
Savannah Crist  
Thendra Davis  
Jennifer Elvir  
Mikayla Garrard  
Lizbeth Gonzalez Aguiar  
Marlina Hernandez  
Jazmin Huerta-Alfraro  
Greidys Lopez  
Katelin Moore  
Angelina Nelson  
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