2015 Commencement

In Pictures
Making a splashy entrance

The Denver metro area was more like Seattle for about a week as persistent rain fell. The morning of graduation was no exception, though there was something of a break by mid-afternoon. That proved a short-lived respite, as rain turned to snow during the late afternoon and into the evening.
A sanctuary for faculty administrators and staff

Tucked away upstairs, a peaceful room at the University of Denver served as backdrop for putting the finishing touches on getting dressed, quiet conversation, coffee and ...
... a little bit of end-of-semester fun to cap off Spring 2015.
Meanwhile, in the gymnasium downstairs

The students waited to be led out to the arena floor for the ceremony, when, suddenly, the strains of Queen’s “We Will Rock You” filled the room.

Up in the sky, it’s a bird, it’s a plane...
... it’s time to get the show on the road. President Betsy Oudenhoven led the way – and the rhythm section – as the faculty joined the graduating class for the march into the arena.

But, first, a quick acknowledgement.
The grand entrance
And now, our National Anthem

Welcome to CCA
Commencement
Stand up and be recognized

Graduates were asked to identify themselves by age group, and some students were singled out for special acknowledgement.
The commencement program featured numerous speakers, including (clockwise from top) Alex Girard, associate dean for the School of Professional Studies and Sciences, who presided over the program; Dr. Bobby Pace who gave the faculty remarks ... and received a gift from one of his students; Janet Brandau, vice president of Academic Affairs, who presented the graduates; Chau Tran, a concurrent enrollment student and associate degree recipient, who delivered the student remarks.
Dr. Regina Lewis dropped some knowledge while delivering the commencement address ... and sent some Hershey's Kisses airborne, too.
Time for those diplomas
A tip of the cap
Class dismissed

And then ...
Time to celebrate
EDITOR’S NOTE: Special thanks to Jaclyn June for her assistance and to all the graduates, their families, staff, faculty and administration for putting up with cameras in their midst before, during and after commencement.

See you next year