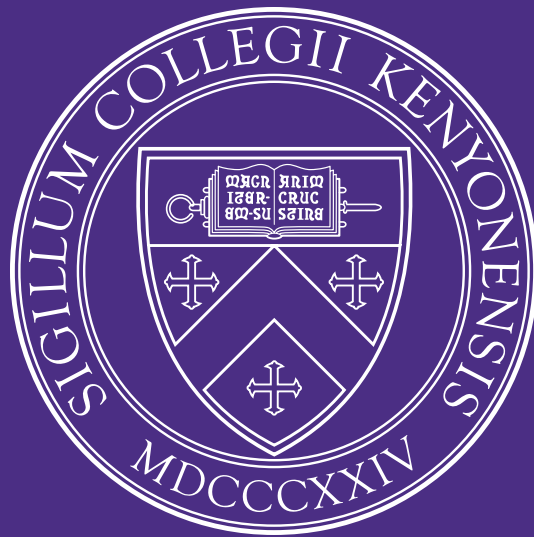


# The 195th Commencement of Kenyon College



May 20, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
Samuel Mather Lawn



# Program

Jeffrey A. Bowman, Acting President, *presiding*  
H. Abbie Erler, *Faculty Marshal*

## Processional\*

The Scioto Brass Ensemble

## Invocation\*

Rev. Rachel C. Kessler  
*College Chaplain; Co-Director, Spiritual and Religious Life; Rector, Harcourt Parish*

## Welcome

Alexander W. Wright  
*Trustee, Kenyon College*

Jeffrey A. Bowman  
*Acting President of Kenyon College*

## Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Laurie A. Finke  
*Presented by Kimmarie A. Murphy*

Kathy J. Krynski  
*Presented by Jaret S. Treber*

David H. Lynn  
*Presented by Perry C. Lentz*

David N. Suggs  
*Presented by Howard L. Sacks*

Jan E. Thomas  
*Presented by Ric S. Sheffield*

## Remarks

Introduction by Celestino J. Limas  
*Vice President of Student Affairs*

Prince Adablah  
*President of the Class of 2023*

## Address

Colette J. Pichon Battle  
*Climate Activist, Attorney, Policymaker, Obama Fellow, and Alumna from the Class of 1997*

## Announcement

Members of the Class of 2023 elected to membership in Beta Chapter of Ohio of Phi Beta Kappa

Ian W. Curtis  
*Assistant Professor of French*

## Ringing of the Chapel Bells

## Presentation of the Class of 2023

Sheryl A. Hemkin  
*Acting Provost*

Vice President Limas

## Conferring of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

## Awarding of the Diplomas of the College

Acting President Bowman

Orchid Tierney  
*Assistant Professor of English*

Paula C. Turner  
*Professor of Physics*

Ellen K. Harbourt  
*Registrar*

A. Chris Kennerly  
*Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

## Closing Words to the Class of 2023

Acting President Bowman

## The Benediction\*

Marc W. Bragin  
*College Chaplain; Co-Director, Spiritual and Religious Life; Director, Kenyon College Hillel*

## Recessional\*

The Scioto Brass Ensemble

\*Audience standing, if able

# Senior Class Committee

Prince Adablah

Gideon Asante Adjei

Mikayla Connolly

Jacqueline Sara Cousineau

MacIntyre Stroud Johnson

Theodore Matthew Mahany Kamin

Kaya Damiete Karibi-Whyte

Stephanie Lynn Kaufman

Stephanie Okromea Nyarko

Phuong Thai (Phoebe) Tang

# Honorary Degree Recipients

## Doctor of Humane Letters

Laurie A. Finke

*Professor of Women's and Gender Studies*

Written by Kimmarrie A. Murphy

*Professor of Anthropology*

Laurie Finke, friend, colleague, scholar, and happy hour anchor, in 1992, you became the first tenure-track director of women's and gender studies at Kenyon College. In that same year, your acclaimed third book *Feminist Theory, Women's Writing* was described as "a rewarding book [that] challenges assumptions about gender, the self, and the text, which underlie fundamental constructs of contemporary feminist theory," a review that captures the essence of your career. Your ingenuity for finding medieval themes in modern media, film, and theater abounds; who else could secure a Faculty Development Grant to see and produce scholarly work on *Spamalot*? Collaborator extraordinaire, you've co-authored numerous books, articles, and papers enticing the reader with clever titles like "Who's your Daddy?: New Age Grails" and "Las Vegas: Getting Medieval in Sin City." Despite your playfulness, the significance of your scholarly work was never in question as evidenced by your appointment as an editor for the *Norton Anthology of Theory and Criticism* for each edition since its inception. Your amazing service and leadership to the College was demonstrated through your work with course evaluations, college reaccreditation, chair of the nineteenth presidential inauguration committee, and ten years as the senior faculty marshal of the College. In addition to all of your remarkable achievements, your passion and dedication to Kenyon students showed no bounds. Teaching classes that related gender to stimulating subjects like fraternities, witches, and cemeteries, you attracted a broad range of students to women's and gender studies. Sláinte, we raise a glass to you.

## Doctor of Letters

Kathy J. Krynski

*Himmelright Professor of Economics*

Written by Jaret S. Treber

*Professor of Economics*

Kathy Krynski, you have been a beacon of light at Kenyon College for nearly four decades. Your time on the Hill has been a testament to perseverance and breaking down barriers. Throughout your career, you have stoically cast aside flawed biases, promoted the effective operation of the College and department and shed light on the struggles of the underrepresented to pave a smoother "middle" path for all. You successfully navigated a male-dominated field to produce highly regarded research on the challenges of immigrants and women in labor markets while also capably taking on challenging teaching assignments, provided exceptional leadership as department chair and associate provost, and forged opportunities for females in the major to bond and create a greater sense of community. To your students, you served as a passionate instructor with incredible patience. That you were tireless in providing help is evidenced by the constant stream of students making their way to your office door. With an ever-present smile, a genuine interest and compassion for their lives, and the therapy often provided by your furry companions, your never-ending office hours not only presented opportunities to obtain academic assistance but also provided a welcoming and calming atmosphere that offered a respite in the sometimes-chaotic lives of your students. To your colleagues, your contributions are innumerable. You have been instrumental in creating and sustaining a collegial and cohesive environment — our department would not be as close as it is today without your guidance, mentoring, and calming influence. Stories abound of how you went above and beyond to ensure smooth transitions into our new lives at Kenyon. Deliciously inviting meals with your family, adeptly delivered teaching advice, and a gentle soul to whom we all felt comfortable sharing our struggles — we will miss all of these wonderful qualities and many more. When providing feedback on their writing, you would advise students to view the comments as a gift, not a rebuke. This beautifully simple turn of phrase always brings a smile. Kathy Krynski, as you alight from the Hill, know that for four decades you have been a true gift to us all.

## Doctor of Humane Letters

David H. Lynn

*Professor of English*

Written by Perry C. Lentz

*Professor Emeritus of English*

“Divergence” is the title of your brilliant story about a bicycle crash and the unraveling of a marriage. And so “divergent” from Kenyon College was the original *Kenyon Review* that it could be dispensed with, for a decade. Your bringing the resurrected *Review* into convergence with the life of the College is as great a gift as Kenyon has ever received. You created a superb board to oversee it and made it more handsome, frequent, and accessible. You created an astonishingly successful array of awards, fellowships, and programs to propagate it, as evidenced by international literary celebrations in Manhattan, book-laden pushcarts in Mount Vernon, and the contemporary character of Kenyon College. Hundreds of Kenyon students have been attracted and recruited by the *Review*'s programs, scores are *Review* interns or associates, and the collegiate spirit today is uniquely literary, proud, and joyous. Both imagination and magnanimity accomplished this, both conceiving and cat-herding. You are “an editor so talented” and so courteous that you make editing “look like divination,” a “literary superhero” without ego, an exemplary family man and “doting father” eager to talk about other folks' children, a man of religious devotion and existential delight, of generosity, hospitality, courage, and kindness. As a student fifty years ago, your companionable generosity toward the shyest and most uncertain of your classmates was as remarkable as your brilliance. You were then planning to complete your baccalaureate at the University of Michigan. But as you grew as a student of literature, within you was also growing a commensurate devotion to this “poor, proud, and sometimes magical” small college. And that has proven one of the happiest convergences in Kenyon's history.

## Doctor of Letters

David N. Suggs

*J. Kenneth Smail Professor of Anthropology*

Written by Howard L. Sacks

*Professor Emeritus of Sociology*

David N. Suggs, master teacher, creative scholar, and Texas troubadour extraordinaire, you have brought passion and heartfelt dedication to your life as an educator. With a keen sense that education involves a common journey for student and teacher, you have presented anthropology as a distinctive lens through which students might better understand their world. You were the first to bring Africa into the curriculum, enriched by your ethnographic work in Botswana, advancing Kenyon's attention to diversity. Your course on alcohol generated important student research that significantly informed college policy, allowing students to recognize that their studies can have real-world benefit. Innovative offerings, including “Science and Pseudoscience,” enabled students to appreciate the difference between valid and fallacious arguments and to understand the troublesome attraction of the latter in our own society. Your frequent invitations to students to your home and your much-anticipated musical performances on campus offered more informal mentoring opportunities and demonstrated that faculty are more than the roles they play in the classroom. In tribute to your far-reaching impact on this campus, you've been honored with both the Kenyon Trustee Teaching Excellence Award and the Senior Cup, and three graduating classes have chosen you to deliver the Baccalaureate address. Today we applaud your outstanding contribution to this college. And like your students, I can truly say that it has been a pleasure to waltz across Gambier with you.

## Doctor of Letters

Jan E. Thomas

*Professor of Sociology*

Written by Ric S. Sheffield

*Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies Emeritus*

Professor Jan Thomas: insightful, illuminating scholar, inspiring teacher, and consummate professional in academic administration. And, yet, ever more impressive is the caring and compassionate human being that you are. It is often said that no one can be all things to all people; yet, you have been so many things to so many people, leaving your mark on generations of students that you have mentored, faculty colleagues that you have supported, and the administration to which you ably gave wise counsel as associate provost and, more recently, director of the Office for Community Partnerships. You have reminded us that the road between Gambier and Mount Vernon, unlike the venerable Kokosing River that stretches between our communities, can flow in both directions. You've led us to follow suit, even when it felt at times like swimming upstream. Thank you for teaching us that we can engage with the local community in meaningful, mutually beneficial ways while showing us that we are a vital part of that community and exist not despite of, as was once imagined, but in large part because of it. We have witnessed both your gentle encouragement of those in need and your insistent resolve when others advocate a path different than you thought wise or appropriate. We were impressed by your facility with problem solving. Jan Thomas, you unselfishly gave of your time, your energies, and yourself in so many roles on so many occasions to the benefit of this college and the community at large. For these things, we honor and thank you.

# Bachelor of Arts

Erika Abe  
*cum laude*  
*Dance, French*

Amanuel Fekadu Abebe  
*Economics*

Prince Adablah  
*Film*

Lucy Catherine Adams  
*magna cum laude*  
*Art History\*, Studio Art*

Gideon Asante Adjei  
*American Studies*

Nafeez Ishmam Ahmed  
*Biology*

Dev Vishwajit Akre  
*summa cum laude*  
*Economics, Mathematics*

Naseem Alavi  
*summa cum laude*  
*Joint Major in Asian  
and Middle East Studies,  
Highest Honors in Japanese*

Andrew Michael Albrecht  
*summa cum laude*  
*Molecular Biology\**

Henry Allan  
*Philosophy*

Amara Nyrie Allen  
*Anthropology*

Leah Nichole Anderson  
*summa cum laude*  
*English\**

Rose Elizabeth Anderson  
*magna cum laude*  
*Dance\*, English*

Bennett Aubrey Andrassy  
*magna cum laude*  
*Neuroscience\**

Zoë Ita Appelbaum  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

Nicole Anne Archambeau  
*cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Ubongabasi James Asuquo  
*Biology*

Kamal Aubakirov  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

Anna Maria Axas  
*Neuroscience*

Anabel Shaffer Barnett  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\*, Spanish*

Anna Heistad Barrett  
*English*

Alhasan Barrie  
*International Studies*

Aliya Noelle Barry  
*magna cum laude*  
*Anthropology*

Jack Taylor Paske Baulig  
*cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Michael Anthony Bazzano  
*Political Science*

Nicky Bradford Beaumont  
*English*

Christopher Michael Bechtol  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in International Studies,  
Highest Honors in Russian*

Anne Frances Beckwith  
*English\**

Lily Meng Beeson-Norwitz  
*summa cum laude*  
*High Honors in English\**

Skylar Anne Bennett  
*cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Kathryn Grace Berges  
*cum laude*  
*Chemistry*

Jennie Macconnell Berlin  
*magna cum laude*  
*Religious Studies\**

Francesca Rose Berntsen  
*magna cum laude*  
*Economics*

Eleni Patricia  
Vaselopulos Bethke  
*Environmental Studies*

Sarah McKeever Bettigole  
*summa cum laude*  
*English*

Alexandra Rose Bianco  
*magna cum laude*  
*Drama, Film*

Aidan Kunhardt Biglow  
*Biology*

Isabella Marie Blankers  
*Art History*

Ione Clara Williamson Blaxall  
*summa cum laude*  
*History\**

Eleanor Frances Rowell Blue  
*English*

Joseph Mather Boesel  
*summa cum laude*  
*Biochemistry*

Evan Dennis Bongers  
*Biology, Economics*

Walker William Borba  
*cum laude*  
*Drama*

Justin A Bosch  
*Biology*

Nour Jamal Bouhassoun  
*English*

Colin Thomas Bowling  
*cum laude*  
*Economics, Spanish*

Alexandre Devin Boyd  
*Political Science*

Djibril Accabreh Branche  
*cum laude*  
*International Studies*

Grace Elizabeth Broome  
*cum laude*  
*International Studies*

Brooke Eve Brown  
*magna cum laude*  
*High Honors in History*

Kathryn Taylor Brown  
*English*

Victoria Valencia Brown  
*Molecular Biology*



Sebastian Brylka  
*summa cum laude*  
*Mathematics*

Henry Callum Buchan  
*Political Science*

Alison Buckley  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies*

Ellen Marie Burbank  
*Sociology*

John Dollard Burczak  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\**

James Eugene Butler  
*summa cum laude*  
*High Honors in Economics\**

Chloe Anastacia Cameron  
*summa cum laude*  
*Anthropology*

Ella Anne Campbell  
*magna cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Casey Elizabeth Capsambelis  
*English, Political Science*

Amelia Carolyn Carnell  
*magna cum laude*  
*English, Political Science*

Noah Mackley Carr  
*International Studies*

Theresa Carr  
*magna cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Samuel Craig Carson  
*cum laude*  
*Art History*

Reese John Casais  
*English*

Zoe Stella Casdin  
*Studio Art*

Benjamin Stirling Casey  
*History*

Katie Anne Ceniza-Levine  
*magna cum laude*  
*History*

Nora Celeste Chapman  
*magna cum laude*  
*Art History, Studio Art*

Nuo Chen  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Leesbeth Anchi Claros  
*English*

Blair Robbins Clayton  
*cum laude*  
*Film*

Brian Edward Coburn  
*Psychology*

Isabel Concetta Cody  
*magna cum laude*  
*Sociology*

March Coffield  
*Film*

Eytan Gedaliah Cohen  
*magna cum laude*  
*English, History*

Haley Essie Cohen  
*cum laude*  
*English*

Erika Rae Conant  
*cum laude*  
*Biochemistry, Spanish\**

Mikayla Connolly  
*English*

Aidan Charles Constant  
*Psychology*

Anna Lee Corbett  
*cum laude*  
*Art History*

Jake Matthew Corcoran  
*cum laude*  
*Studio Art\**

Maia Grace Cornish-Keefe  
*magna cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Jacqueline Sara Cousineau  
*Neuroscience*

Leo James Cowie  
*History*

Grace Anne Cox  
*summa cum laude*  
*High Honors in Psychology*

Ethan Jacob Cripe Bonnell  
*magna cum laude*  
*Mathematics\*, Music\**

Liam Thomas Crisan  
*summa cum laude*  
*Highest Honors in International  
Studies\*, Spanish\**

Ever Ainsley Croffoot-Suede  
*summa cum laude*  
*Honors in Economics*

Kase Michael Cronin  
*Political Science*

Mary Selena Hamilton Crooks  
*Psychology*

Gabriela Cruz Echeverria  
*Neuroscience*

Garrett Charles Culbertson  
*summa cum laude*  
*High Honors in Political Science*

Emma Louise Cummins  
*magna cum laude*  
*Chemistry*

Benjamin Thomas Czech  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

Jake Rocco Danese  
*cum laude*  
*International Studies,  
Political Science*

Aaliyah Daniels  
*cum laude*  
*English\**

Jacob Callaway Davidson  
*magna cum laude*  
*History*

Elijah Todd Day  
*Mathematics*

Candela de Amorrortu  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Cherantha De Silva  
*Economics*

- Michael David Deal Jr.  
*magna cum laude*  
*Political Science\**
- Evan Jay Dean  
*Biology*
- William James Dean  
*magna cum laude*  
*Highest Honors in Mathematics*
- Daisy Delgado  
*Neuroscience*
- Dienabou Lamarana Diallo  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies, Women's and Gender Studies*
- Payton Elizabeth Doan  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*
- William Ward Doenges  
*Economics*
- Connor William Doughty  
*cum laude*  
*Philosophy\**
- James Nathan Duggins IV  
*American Studies*
- Anav Dutt  
*magna cum laude*  
*Economics*
- Kyle John Charles Dwyer  
*magna cum laude*  
*Economics*
- Ava Joyce Earl  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*
- Tatumn Burke Eccleston  
*magna cum laude*  
*Sociology*
- Mohamed Ali Ebrahim Elhabashy  
*magna cum laude*  
*Economics, Mathematics*
- Sophia Luna Elizarraras  
*cum laude*  
*Biology*
- Zoe Kalila Ellen  
*cum laude*  
*Studio Art*
- Katherine Morgan Ellis  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in Psychology*
- William Robinson Engel  
*Psychology*
- Jonathan Theodore Ennis  
*cum laude*  
*Philosophy\**
- Anna Elaine Ensing  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*
- Maya Arriaga Fair  
*American Studies*
- Ngone Fall  
*Biology*
- Sydney Joanne Fallon  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*
- Nathan Fanta  
*History*
- Katherine Gloria Fee  
*Chemistry*
- Mitch Feibus  
*Physics*
- Gretchen Kramer Feil  
*summa cum laude*  
*Spanish*
- Alex Devan Felleson  
*summa cum laude*  
*Mathematics, Physics\**
- Isabel Edith Sofia Fine  
*summa cum laude*  
*Psychology\*, Spanish*
- Mason Anderson Fishell  
*magna cum laude*  
*Highest Honors in Mathematics, Physics\**
- Bryan Douglas Fitzgerald  
*Economics, Mathematics*
- Margaret Elizabeth Foight  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*
- Claire Elizabeth Fomook  
*French, Philosophy*
- Tara Isabel Ford  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*
- Molly Elizabeth Fording  
*summa cum laude*  
*High Honors in English\**
- Abigail Elizabeth Foster  
*summa cum laude*  
*High Honors in History*
- Daniel Ryan Frank  
*cum laude*  
*Molecular Biology*
- Isabelle Christine Freeman  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biochemistry*
- Erika Nicole Freiberg  
*magna cum laude*  
*Political Science*
- Julia Rose Friedman  
*cum laude*  
*Drama, English*
- Sebastian Georg Gaese  
*magna cum laude*  
*Neuroscience*
- Emily Margaret Gaines  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*
- Delaney Lyda Gallagher  
*Economics, Political Science*
- Ronan Gallagher  
*Film*
- Greta Anika Saunders Galli  
*cum laude*  
*Anthropology*
- Sarah Frances Ganz  
*cum laude*  
*Environmental Studies, Psychology*
- Valeria Mariana Garcia-Pozo  
*magna cum laude*  
*English, Spanish\**
- Barton Nicholas Gardella  
*Political Science*
- Clay Abraham Garfield  
*cum laude*  
*Philosophy, Physics*
- Michael Peter George  
*summa cum laude*  
*Philosophy\*, Psychology*

Lucy Annabel Gibbs <i>cum laude</i> <i>History</i>	Zachary Lloyd Grumbach <i>cum laude</i> <i>Environmental Studies*</i>	Carolyn Francesca Herbosa <i>cum laude</i> <i>Neuroscience</i>
Caroline Catherine Williamson Gill <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Anthropology, Women's and Gender Studies</i>	Va Meisinger Gruskoff <i>cum laude</i> <i>Sociology</i>	Natalia Andrea Hernandez <i>Women's and Gender Studies</i>
Josephine Girand <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Studio Art</i>	Vikas Gudhe <i>cum laude</i> <i>Neuroscience</i>	Owen William Hevly <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Sociology</i>
Fredrike Marie Giron-Giessen <i>American Studies</i>	Elias Pavlin Haberberg <i>English</i>	Babiker Tarig Higazi <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Neuroscience*</i>
Jack Edward Giuffre <i>Economics</i>	Samantha Haga <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Psychology*</i>	Julia Margaret Hintz <i>Dance</i>
Jamie Nicole Gluckman <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Classics, English</i>	Mae Elizabeth Hagelgans <i>Physics*</i>	Emily Rose Blevins Hirsch <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Physics*</i>
Mariel Rebecca Goldberg <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Economics*</i>	Sara Natasha Haleblan <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Environmental Studies, Spanish*</i>	Spencer Morrison Hirsch <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>English</i>
Claire Elizabeth Goldberger <i>Art History, Dance</i>	Henry Rolf Haley Goldman <i>cum laude</i> <i>American Studies</i>	William Randell Hitchcock <i>cum laude</i> <i>International Studies</i>
Samantha Ariel Goldenson <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>High Honors in History*</i>	Elizabeth Jane Haljun <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Honors in Chemistry*</i>	Eli G. Hiton <i>cum laude</i> <i>Mathematics, Music*</i>
Joseph Francis Gerber Goldstein <i>Political Science</i>	Madi Hamilton <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Economics</i>	August Hochman <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>History</i>
Sean Thomas Goodman <i>International Studies, Spanish</i>	Anna Victoria Harnsberger <i>cum laude</i> <i>Molecular Biology</i>	Nicholas Toshitake Hong <i>cum laude</i> <i>Economics</i>
William Walker Goodrich <i>Economics</i>	Hannah Elizabeth Hartshorn <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Environmental Studies</i>	Persephone K. Hort <i>cum laude</i> <i>Women's and Gender Studies</i>
Joseph Nicholas Gorte <i>International Studies</i>	Claire Elizabeth Haynes <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Spanish</i>	Eva Chan House <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>High Honors in English*</i>
Sophia Grace Gottdiener <i>Psychology</i>	Felix Herbold Heisch <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>English, Spanish</i>	Katherine Claire Howard <i>cum laude</i> <i>Psychology*</i>
Zola India Mary Gray <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>History</i>	James Souroujon Henderson <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Political Science</i>	Apple Hu <i>International Studies</i>
Andrew Oliver Grier <i>cum laude</i> <i>History</i>	Wyatt Neville Henneman <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Environmental Studies</i>	William Bennett Hudson <i>Political Science</i>
Maeve Fiona Griffin <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Neuroscience</i>		Katherine Shea Humphries <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>English, Film</i>

Emma Grace Annis Hutchison  
*magna cum laude*  
*Economics*

Natalie Sian Jackson  
*cum laude*  
*Physics*

Isabel Anwar Jaffer  
*cum laude*  
*Chemistry*

Caroline Grace James  
*Studio Art*

Jennifer Lee Jantzen  
*summa cum laude*  
*English, Psychology*

Erika Lynn Jensen  
*Chemistry*

Johann Hrafn Johannsson  
*Economics*

Christopher Liam Johnson  
*Economics*

Emma Derry Johnson  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\*, French\**

Isaac Alan Johnson  
*cum laude*  
*Biology\**

MacIntyre Stroud Johnson  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

Grace Elizabeth Jolliffe  
*magna cum laude*  
*Drama\*, English\**

Lucas Bhon Jung  
*English*

Nathaniel Harrison Junk  
*History*

Ruby Joan Kahn  
*cum laude*  
*English*

Thomas Abraham Kallararakal  
*Biology\**

Eleanor Walsh Kallay  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies*

Alina Hope Kalmeyer  
*summa cum laude*  
*Studio Art\**

Noor Kamal  
*cum laude*  
*Studio Art*

Theodore Matthew  
Mahany Kamin  
*cum laude*  
*American Studies*

Kaya Damiete Karibi-Whyte  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies\**

Beimnet Beyene Kassaye  
*summa cum laude*  
*High Honors in Molecular Biology*

Koto Katayama  
*cum laude*  
*Film*

Joshua Katz  
*Mathematics*

Stephanie Lynn Kaufman  
*magna cum laude*  
*Neuroscience, Psychology*

Molly Joy Kavanaugh  
*summa cum laude*  
*English*

Janie Keenan  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Victoria Louise Keller  
*magna cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Clara Eileen Kempf  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in English\**

Isabella Grace Kern  
*Psychology, Studio Art*

Jeremy Eagan Kern  
*summa cum laude*  
*Anthropology*

Jason Nicholas Kessler  
*cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Bijan Khaghani  
*cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Jackson Weishaar Killilea  
*magna cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Micah Elliot Key-Tech Kim  
*cum laude*  
*English, Physics*

Cecily Page King  
*Art History*

Lucien Gabriel Kisch  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies\**

Flynn Louise Klace  
*summa cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Nova Cyan Klein  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Emma Grace Knapp  
*Psychology*

Lara Pascal Knopf  
*magna cum laude*  
*Studio Art*

Grayson James Knox  
*cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Caitlin Cryan Kollins  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies\**

Joshua Marlin Koretz  
*Physics*

Grace Ellen Korthuis  
*summa cum laude*  
*Religious Studies\*, Spanish\**

William Joseph Koslo III  
*Psychology*

Natasha Annabelle Lancaster  
*magna cum laude*  
*Drama, English\**

Mikaela Marie Lancy  
*magna cum laude*  
*Environmental Studies*

Sydney Claire  
Shepard Landstrom  
*magna cum laude*  
*Anthropology*

Mark Anthony Lang <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Biology, Neuroscience</i>	Yangyang Liu <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>High Honors in Molecular Biology</i>	Sophia Maria Markey <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Sociology</i>
Anastasia Yukiko Langner <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>English, Sociology</i>	Yujie (Serena) Liu <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>High Honors in Molecular Biology</i>	Grace Aileen Marshall <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>English, Studio Art</i>
Jesse Revabelle Leener <i>cum laude</i> <i>Religious Studies</i>	Donald James Long II <i>English</i>	Juan Daniel Martinez <b>Diaz de Leon</b> <i>Psychology</i>
Mychael Datrayl Leno <i>American Studies</i>	Carlos Alberto Lopez Martinez <i>Spanish</i>	Michael Christopher Matteo <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Economics</i>
Simon Isaac Lentz <i>Spanish</i>	Julia Rose Losey <i>cum laude</i> <i>Psychology</i>	Andra Katrina Malika Mayers <i>English</i>
Lilia Aimee Leroy-Bell <i>cum laude</i> <i>Film</i>	Yiyang Lu <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Mathematics</i>	Lauren Elizabeth Mazza <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Psychology</i>
Matthew Jacques LesStrang <i>cum laude</i> <i>Economics, History</i>	Ellie Spencer Luciani <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Economics*, Spanish*</i>	Bridget Carmen McCarthy <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Japanese*</i>
Milo Saul Levine <i>cum laude</i> <i>Economics</i>	Katherine Anne Lyda <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>English</i>	David Edward McCrory <i>Psychology</i>
Jeremy Micah Levy <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>English</i>	Erin Kathryn Lynn <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>History, Political Science</i>	Maximos Philip McCune <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Neuroscience</i>
Nicholas Marion Lewis <i>Economics</i>	Zijun Ma <i>International Studies</i>	Liliana Tiger McEnerney <i>Art History, Studio Art*</i>
Yanying Li <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Psychology</i>	Salvatore Alexander Macchione <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>American Studies</i>	Patrick Bengt McGann <i>International Studies</i>
Emmanouil Liampas <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>English</i>	Catriona Jane Kinloch Macintosh <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Molecular Biology</i>	John Cain McKee <i>Political Science</i>
Michelle Lin <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>English*, French*</i>	Noah Howard Magill <i>Philosophy</i>	Jacqueline Anne McKeown <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Honors in Psychology</i>
MacIntosh Lindsay-Capobianco <i>cum laude</i> <i>Political Science</i>	Julia Majesky <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Sociology</i>	Molly Emma McLaughlin <i>cum laude</i> <i>Arabic, Classics</i>
Samantha Ellen Lingard <i>Sociology*</i>	Isaiah Sabastian Mann Martinez <i>History</i>	Denna Luciana Medrano <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Anthropology</i>
Elijah Timothy Linville <i>Political Science</i>	Elijah McClure Manning <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>English</i>	Paige Marie Milhon <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>High Honors in Molecular Biology</i>
Cassandra Nicole Lis <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Chemistry*</i>	Christian Lincoln Maric <i>Political Science</i>	Ruby Miller <i>Political Science</i>

Zoe Rose Miller <i>Biology</i>	Muhammad Saad Nadeem <i>Economics, Mathematics</i>	Stephanie Okromea Nyarko <i>Studio Art*</i>
Samuel Jensen Mineiro <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>English*</i>	Iggy Nah <i>cum laude</i> <i>Molecular Biology</i>	Graham Nicholas O'Brien <i>cum laude</i> <i>Political Science</i>
Alexis Victoria Miramontes <i>English, Women's and</i> <i>Gender Studies</i>	Katya Tammen Naphtali <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Biology</i>	Lara Gabrielle O'Callaghan <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Biology, Spanish*</i>
William Thomas Mohrmann <i>American Studies, Psychology*</i>	Jack Henry Napper <i>Economics, Political Science</i>	Francis Paul Ohe <i>Art History</i>
Jason William Montgomery <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Economics*, Physics*</i>	Abigail Claire Navin <i>cum laude</i> <i>Environmental Studies, Film</i>	Ryan William O'Leary <i>Studio Art</i>
Cameron David Moore <i>cum laude</i> <i>English</i>	Samantha Jane Neilson <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Economics, English*</i>	Caroline Rose O'Neil <i>cum laude</i> <i>Psychology</i>
Elliot Emmet Moore <i>High Honors in Sociology</i>	Zoe Elizabeth Neirink <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>High Honors in English*</i>	Vishad Raj Onta <i>Mathematics</i>
Molly Catherine Moran <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Spanish</i>	Elijah Jude Newman <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>English</i>	Katherine Margaret Orefice <i>cum laude</i> <i>Biology</i>
Edward Enrique Moreta Jr. <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>American Studies*,</i> <i>Environmental Studies*</i>	Andrew Nguyen <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Highest Honors in Mathematics*,</i> <i>Political Science</i>	Dylan Michael Osimetha <i>cum laude</i> <i>Political Science</i>
Colton James Morris <i>Biochemistry</i>	Thao Phuong Nguyen <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Psychology</i>	Meheret Kebede Ourgessa <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Highest Honors in Biochemistry*</i>
Sileas Jadwiga Campbell <i>Anthropology</i>	Yizhou Ni <i>Biology</i>	Cynthia Isabella Oyarce <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Sociology</i>
Rebecca Mukami Mucheru <i>cum laude</i> <i>American Studies</i>	Mart Edgar Niehoff <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>High Honors in Economics*,</i> <i>Mathematics</i>	Alejandra Monserrat Pacheco <i>Mathematics, Spanish</i>
Ciara Julian Mulcahy <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Classics, Religious Studies*</i>	Jose Angel Nino <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Economics, Mathematics</i>	Saurav Raj Pandey <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Honors in Economics*,</i> <i>Mathematics</i>
Sally Marie Mullins <i>Film</i>	Melissa Elaine Nixon <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Economics, Physics</i>	Khamil Khan Panni <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Economics, Mathematics</i>
Ella Marie Murphy <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Psychology</i>	Mara Patrick Northland <i>English</i>	Lindsay Souza Pantell <i>cum laude</i> <i>Political Science</i>
Finnbar Samuel Murray <i>cum laude</i> <i>History</i>	George Novotny <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Japanese*, High Honors in</i> <i>Political Science</i>	Ani Araksi Parnagian <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Art History*</i>
Lucas Robert Muther <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Physics*</i>		Jonathan Macario Pastor <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Psychology, Spanish*</i>



Abigail Eustice Patton <i>magna cum laude</i> English	Jason James Rehg <i>magna cum laude</i> Neuroscience	Kathryn Ford Rudek <i>summa cum laude</i> English*, Spanish*
Oliver Chace Pearson <i>cum laude</i> English*	Sofia Li Rehrig <i>magna cum laude</i> Molecular Biology	George Whitham Rukan <i>cum laude</i> Film
Ella Amalie Pettersen <i>magna cum laude</i> International Studies	Macy Rose Fingerhut Reibold <i>summa cum laude</i> Economics	Peter J. Sachs <i>magna cum laude</i> Economics, Political Science
Fredrika Louise Pfeiffer <i>magna cum laude</i> Sociology	Samuel Keegan Richards Economics	Mattheus Carvalho Santos Biology
Minh Thi Ngoc Pham <i>magna cum laude</i> High Honors in Biology	Lilly Morgan Richart <i>cum laude</i> Honors in Sociology	Maya Hayashi Sapsford <i>cum laude</i> International Studies, Studio Art*
Benjamin Harris Pimstone <i>magna cum laude</i> Environmental Studies*	Paul Lytle Ridder Music	Trenton Scott Scherger <i>summa cum laude</i> Biochemistry
Luis Andrés Platas Psychology	Alice Elms Riley <i>summa cum laude</i> Highest Honors in History	Kate Janet Steblay Scheyer <i>summa cum laude</i> English, Japanese*
Erika Alejandra Pontillo Ferragonio <i>magna cum laude</i> High Honors in Molecular Biology	Jacob Thomas Ritz <i>magna cum laude</i> Mathematics	Hannah Jacklyn Schmidt Molecular Biology
Joseph Patrick Pozo Economics, English	Anne Larew Rogan <i>cum laude</i> Classics	Andrew Joseph Schnarre Economics
Kathryn Anne Predella <i>magna cum laude</i> English*, Music	Rebecca Emmaline Rogers <i>cum laude</i> English	Aidan Butler Schoellkopf <i>magna cum laude</i> Economics
Nicole Michelle Predina <i>magna cum laude</i> Political Science	Jorge Roman Lopez <i>cum laude</i> Neuroscience*	Sydney Grace Schulman <i>magna cum laude</i> English
Will Calder Prentice <i>cum laude</i> History	Jonathan Francis Roman <i>magna cum laude</i> Film	Charlotte Nathalie Schultz Psychology
Ian Prescott <i>magna cum laude</i> Anthropology, High Honors in Art History*	Samuel Charles Ronchetti Environmental Studies, Political Science	Annabel Lauren Scott Film
Jack Raymond Provenza Mathematics	Matthew Alec Rosen English	Kianna Desire Scott-Winn Anthropology
Oliver Spencer Pruett <i>summa cum laude</i> Physics	Dennis Robert Rothwell Film	Anastasios Nomikos Sdregas <i>cum laude</i> Environmental Studies
Ximing Qu <i>cum laude</i> Economics	Rory Claire Rubin English	Blue Rae Semmelhack Religious Studies
	Imani Ebony Rucker <i>magna cum laude</i> Molecular Biology	Jade Sara Sham <i>summa cum laude</i> English*
		Darryl Shands Religious Studies

- Chloe Simone Shane  
*American Studies*
- John Michael Shanley  
*Psychology*
- Ethan James Shapiro  
*Political Science*
- Chard Abraham Shapiro  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*
- Mary Louisa Ann Shawaker  
*magna cum laude*  
*Environmental Studies, Spanish\**
- Benjamin Odin Shropshire  
*Neuroscience*
- Katharine Josephine Shuman  
*magna cum laude*  
*English, Studio Art*
- Sarah Alexa Siegel  
*Studio Art*
- Adam Kole Silberg  
*Environmental Studies*
- Joseph Simon  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*
- Torielle Ann Simon  
*magna cum laude*  
*Economics*
- William Alexander Simotas  
*magna cum laude*  
*History*
- Nicholas Frederick Havemeyer Singer  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*
- Aleksandr Georgiyevich Smirnov  
*summa cum laude*  
*High Honors in Chemistry\**
- Jacob Smith  
*cum laude*  
*Biochemistry*
- Olivia Rae Smith  
*Neuroscience*
- Sarah Margaret Smith  
*Political Science*
- Zion David Snardon  
*cum laude*  
*Biochemistry*
- Polina Sonin  
*Biochemistry*
- Minkael Soumah  
*French, International Studies*
- Joshua Logan Spiess  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biochemistry*
- Jack Ryan Srinivasan  
*cum laude*  
*American Studies*
- Reid Edward Stautberg  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*
- Nicole Elizabeth Stein  
*magna cum laude*  
*Spanish, Women's and Gender Studies*
- Caleb Madison Stern  
*magna cum laude*  
*High Honors in English\**
- Laura Evelyn Stone  
*Drama, Economics*
- Flannery Virginia Strain  
*cum laude*  
*English*
- Zhixing (Oscar) Sun  
*summa cum laude*  
*Honors in Psychology*
- Elizabeth Claire Sunding  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in Economics\*, English*
- Liam James Sweeney  
*Economics*
- Sheetal Sai Tallada  
*magna cum laude*  
*Neuroscience*
- Phuong Thai Tang  
*summa cum laude*  
*International Studies*
- Somphors Tann  
*Economics, International Studies*
- Muhammad Yousaf Tariq  
*summa cum laude*  
*Economics\*, Mathematics*
- D.J. Taylor  
*magna cum laude*  
*Psychology*
- Jane Schroeder Taylor  
*magna cum laude*  
*Anthropology*
- Cem Tener  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*
- Syou Nam Thai  
*magna cum laude*  
*History*
- Alexandra Victoria Thoms  
*magna cum laude*  
*High Honors in Molecular Biology*
- Nick Tong  
*Mathematics*
- Andres Antonio Tuccillo  
*cum laude*  
*Anthropology*
- Charles McGinnis Turgeon  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*
- Lydia Brookshire Turk  
*summa cum laude*  
*Economics\**
- Scott Robertson Upton  
*Biology*
- Kinsey Uzelac  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*
- Jackson Van Kleeck  
*English*
- Ethan Dominic Virgil  
*Political Science*
- Sally Frances Vogel  
*summa cum laude*  
*Studio Art*
- Elena Anna Volchok  
*cum laude*  
*American Studies, Music*



Madeline Louise Vonk  
*summa cum laude*  
*English, Spanish*

Olivia Grace Vrba  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

Patrick Logan Wade Wolfe  
*Biology\**

Sarah Elizabeth Wagner  
*Neuroscience*

Melody Janet Wagoner  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

Samuel Alexander Walch  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

Jackson Lloyd Wald  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\**

Ziyun Wan  
*cum laude*  
*International Studies*

Tillie Dale Wang  
*magna cum laude*  
*Spanish*

Yan Wang  
*cum laude*  
*Highest Honors in Psychology\**

Alex Wang  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

Talisha Charyce Monique Ward  
*cum laude*  
*American Studies*

Kalista Elaine Wayt  
*summa cum laude*  
*High Honors in Physics\**

Chloe Renee Webb  
*cum laude*  
*Biochemistry*

Luis Sebastian Weekes  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

Benjamin Nathan Weiner  
*cum laude*  
*Honors in English\**

Eliza Post Wetmore  
*cum laude*  
*French, Political Science*

Alexandra Taylor White  
*Biology*

Honor Rose White  
*summa cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Nathaniel Westfall Wiener  
*International Studies, Spanish*

Olivia Stephany Wilk  
*cum laude*  
*Physics*

Brucken Elizabeth Wilkens  
*summa cum laude*  
*Music\*, Spanish*

Grace Elizabeth Wilkins  
*French*

Margaret Nichole Williard  
*cum laude*  
*Biology*

Jackson Page Wills  
*Music*

Ella Wilson  
*summa cum laude*  
*Highest Honors in Mathematics\**

Sofia Rebeka Wilson  
*cum laude*  
*Dance, Spanish*

Sebastian Winther  
*Physics*

Sophie Brittain Wise  
*magna cum laude*  
*Classics\**

Maia Grace Wolf-Livingston  
*summa cum laude*  
*Drama, Philosophy*

Rachel Marie Wolters  
*Biochemistry*

Jerry Wu  
*magna cum laude*  
*Art History*

Shijie Xu  
*magna cum laude*  
*Psychology\**

Erasmia Beldecos Yager  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biology*

William Thomas Yanek  
*magna cum laude*  
*Highest Honors in Political Science*

Boyu Yang  
*cum laude*  
*Molecular Biology*

Milo Daniel Youngerman  
*Philosophy*

Maya Byrne Yukselen  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

James Peter Zarifes II  
*cum laude*  
*History*

Anna Zheng  
*summa cum laude*  
*English, Psychology*

Yuqi (Jill) Zheng  
*magna cum laude*  
*Japanese\*, Psychology*

Vivian Zhu  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

## Graduation Honors

### **Collegiate and Departmental Honors**

The degree with collegiate honors is achieved by attaining a cumulative grade-point average within the following ranges:

3.50-3.69, cum laude

3.70-3.89, magna cum laude

3.90 and above, summa cum laude

Students showing exceptional scholarship may be accepted by their major department to read for the degree with departmental honors. The three major classes of departmental honors, based on work in the major, are Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors, as determined jointly by an outside examiner and the members of the student's department.

### **Senior Exercise**

A Senior Exercise must be satisfactorily completed by each graduating senior. While each department determines the nature of its exercise, the purpose, in general, is to promote coherence of the student's major program. Each department reports a grade of Pass, or Pass with Distinction, for this exercise. An asterisk (\*) denotes that the student passed the exercise with distinction.

### **Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Chapter of Ohio**

Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest Greek-letter fraternity in the country, was founded in 1776. The Kenyon chapter was organized in 1858 as an honorary society dedicated to the recognition of scholarly achievement. It is the fourteenth in age of 293 chapters. Elections to membership are made from the best scholars in the junior and senior classes who have shown achievement through grades and an intellectual disposition.

## Notes

A student completing a double major has met all the requirements for the major in two departments and passed a Senior Exercise in each. A synoptic major, individually designed by students to meet their special interests, includes work in two or more departments and requires satisfactory completion of one Senior Exercise. An asterisk (\*) denotes that the student passed the exercise with distinction.

# Honor Societies

## **Alpha Iota Sigma**

*(Interdisciplinary Studies)*

Cherantha De Silva  
Anav Dutt  
Abigail Foster  
Andrew Grier  
Vikas Gudhe  
Theodore Kamin  
MacIntosh Lindsay-Capobianco  
Finnbar Murray  
Ani Parnagian  
Fredrika Pfeiffer

## **Alpha Kappa Delta**

*(Sociology)*

Maia Cornish-Keefe  
Owen Hevly  
Jackson Killilea  
Anastasia Langner  
Sophia Markey  
Honor White

## **Eta Sigma Phi**

*(Classical Studies)*

Molly McLaughlin  
Ciara Mulcahy  
Anne Rogan  
Sophie Wise

## **Phi Beta Kappa,**

### **Beta Chapter of Ohio**

*(Liberal Arts and Sciences)*

Dev Vishwajit Akre  
Naseem Alavi  
Andrew Michael Albrecht  
Lily Meng Beeson-Norwitz  
Sarah McKeever Bettigole  
Ione Clara Williamson Blaxall  
Joseph Mather Boesel  
James Eugene Butler  
Chloe Anastacia Cameron  
Grace Anne Cox  
Liam Thomas Crisan  
Ever Ainsley Croffoot-Suede  
Garrett Charles Culbertson  
Gretchen Kramer Feil  
Alex Devan Felleeson  
Isabel Edith Sofia Fine  
Mary Elizabeth Fording  
Michael Peter George  
Caroline Catherine  
Williamson Gill

Mariel Rebecca Goldberg  
Samantha Haga  
Eva Chan House  
Jennifer Lee Jantzen  
Alina Hope Kalmeyer  
Beimnet Beyene Kassaye  
Jeremy Eagan Kern  
Grace Ellen Korthuis  
Cassandra Nicole Lis  
Yujie Liu  
Eleanor Spencer Luciani  
Jason William Montgomery  
Ciara Julian Mulcahy  
Zoe Elizabeth Neirink  
Duc Anh Nguyen  
Mart Edgar Niehoff  
George Novotny  
Meheret Kebede Ourgessa  
Saurav Raj Pandey  
Alice Elms Riley  
Kathryn Ford Rudek  
Trenton Scott Scherger  
Kate Janet Steblay Scheyer  
Aleksandr Georgiyevich Smirnov  
Phuong Thai Tang  
Muhammad Yousaf Tariq  
Lydia Brookshire Turk  
Madeline Louise Vonk  
Kalista Elaine Wayt  
Honor Rose White  
Ella Wilson  
Xinjie Zheng

## **Pi Mu Epsilon**

*(Mathematics)*

Dev Akre  
Sebastian Brylka  
Ethan Cripe Bonnell  
William Dean  
Mason Fishell  
Eli Hiton  
Duc Nguyen  
Mart Niehoff  
José Niño  
Vishad Onta  
Saurav Pandey  
Khamil Panni  
Jacob Ritz  
Muhammad Tariq  
Ella Wilson

## **Pi Sigma Alpha**

*(Political Science)*

Amelia Carnell  
Theresa Carr  
Garrett Culbertson  
Michael Deal  
James Henderson  
Grayson Knox  
Erin Lynn  
Duc Nguyen  
George Novotny  
Nicole Predina  
Peter Sachs  
William Yanek

## **Psi Chi**

*(Psychology)*

Grace Cox  
Katherine Ellis  
Isabel Fine  
Michael George  
Samantha Haga  
Jennifer Jantzen  
Stephanie Kaufman  
Flynn Klace  
Yanying Li  
Jacqueline McKeown  
Jonathan Pastor  
Zhixing Sun  
Danielle Taylor  
Shijie Xu  
Xinjie Zheng

## **Sigma Pi Sigma**

*(Physics)*

Alex Felleeson  
Mason Fishell  
Clay Garfield  
Emily Hirsch  
Micah Kim  
Joshua Koretz  
Jason Montgomery  
Luke Muther  
Melissa Nixon  
Spencer Pruet  
Kalista Wayt

**Sigma Xi***(Scientific Research)*

Dev Akre  
 Grace Cox  
 Emma Cummins  
 Katherine Ellis  
 Mason Fishell  
 Isabelle Freeman  
 Clay Garfield  
 Emily Hirsch  
 Natalie Jackson  
 Beimnet Kassaye  
 Sydney Landstrom  
 Yangyang Liu  
 Yujie Liu  
 Catriona Macintosh  
 Maximos McCune  
 Jacqueline McKeown

Denna Medrano  
 Paige Milhon  
 Meheret Ourgessa  
 Saurav Pandey  
 Minh Pham  
 Ian Prescott  
 Jason Rehg  
 Sofia Rehrig  
 Imani Rucker  
 Trenton Scherger  
 Zhixing Sun  
 Sheetal Tallada  
 Alexandra Thoms  
 Yan Wang  
 Kalista Wayt  
 Ella Wilson  
 Shijie Xu  
 Yuqi Zheng

**Theta Alpha Kappa***(Religious Studies)*

Jennie Berlin  
 Ever Croffoot-Suede  
 Koto Katayama  
 Molly Kavanaugh  
 Grace Korthuis  
 Ciara Mulcahy

**Fulbright Fellowship**

Ngone Fall, *Senegal*  
 Felix Heisch, *Spain*  
 Katherine Hileman, Class of 2022,  
*Germany*  
 Madeline Vonk, *Spain*

*Alternate*

Christopher Bechtol, *Uzbekistan*

## Kenyon Educational Enrichment Program Graduates

The Kenyon Educational Enrichment Program (KEEP) is a selective four-year program for students from diverse ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds who represent a broad range of curricular and co-curricular interests. The program's goal is to provide participants with support and a strong academic foundation while building a core group of leaders who will promote a culture of excellence throughout the community by inspiring, challenging, and energizing fellow students. The KEEP participants graduating this year are listed here.

Gideon Adjei  
 Amara Allen  
 Alex Boyd  
 Gabriela Cruz Echeverria  
 Daisy Delgado  
 Sofia Elizarraras  
 Ngone Fall  
 Nick Hong

Kaya Karibi-Whyte  
 Mychael Leno  
 Juan Martínez Díaz de León  
 Jonathan Pastor  
 Joseph Pozo  
 Scotty Scott-Winn  
 Minka Soumah  
 Talisha Ward

# A History of Kenyon Commencements

Kenyon's founder, Bishop Philander Chase, conducted the first Commencement exercises of the College on September 9, 1829, in a large, bare, basement room in the just-completed center section of Old Kenyon, the first permanent building. There were six graduates: G. Dennison, J.B. Chase, A. Blake, S. Chase, P.C. Freeman, and B.B. Sayre.

As soon as Rosse Chapel (later known as Rosse Hall) was completed (about 1840), the ceremonies were moved there; Rosse was the location for all graduation exercises for more than a century. It was in Rosse Chapel on August 3, 1842, that the class valedictorian, Rutherford B. Hayes, a future president of the United States, delivered a Commencement address entitled "College Life."

Until the 1890s, it was customary for each graduating senior to deliver an oration, sometimes in English but often in Latin, Greek, or Hebrew. Since the number of graduates fluctuated from four in 1879 to eighteen in more prosperous years, the programs could sometimes be completed in an afternoon but often took all day, with an hour-and-a-half break for lunch. By 1894, activities connected with Commencement had assumed such large proportions that events started on Sunday and culminated with the graduation exercises on Thursday.

During World War II, the civilian enrollment at Kenyon shrank to about forty students, but President Gordon Keith Chalmers was determined that every Kenyon graduate should still have his moment of glory. So, in December 1943, formal Commencement ceremonies, with the faculty in full academic regalia, were held for two graduates.

The tremendous influx of students coming to Kenyon after World War II under the provisions of the G.I. Bill made graduating classes so large that Rosse Hall could no longer accommodate Commencement audiences. The first outdoor ceremony was held in 1950, on the lawn between

two of the College's oldest academic buildings, Ascension Hall and Samuel Mather Science Hall. The rain site, at first Wertheimer Fieldhouse, became the Ernst Center in 1982. The fieldhouse was demolished in 2003 to make way for the Lowry Center (known as the Kenyon Athletic Center when it opened); the Ernst Center was razed in 2009. Since 2006, the Lowry Center has normally served as the rain site.

Every seventeen years, the move outdoors results in exposure to countless millions of uninvited and unwanted visitors — the cicadas that appear on Gambier Hill in late May and early June. The 1965 Commencement was especially plagued by the harmless insects, which dropped from the trees and piled up in great heaps around the tree trunks. The cicadas returned in 1999, but the onslaught, with its eerie shrilling, didn't peak until after Commencement. They were back in 2016, in large numbers, but their impact on the indoor event was minimal.

The College's tradition of an annual Commencement ceremony was disrupted in 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic forced an early end to in-person instruction at Kenyon. The ceremony returned for the Class of 2021, in modified form, outdoors on McBride Field. In 2022, Kenyon hosted two Commencement ceremonies on successive days — one, on Saturday, for the graduating class, and the second, on Sunday, for the Class of 2020.

Kenyon adheres to its classical tradition of conducting the formal part of the Commencement exercises in Latin and printing diplomas in Latin. But it no longer translates the names of the graduates; up until the late 1960s, William became Guliemus and Thomas was transcribed as Thomam.

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## Academic Costume and Procession

Academic gowns represent a tradition handed down from the universities of the Middle Ages. These institutions were founded by the Church; the students, being clerics, were obliged to wear the prescribed gowns at all times. Round caps later became square mortarboards. The hood, originally a cowl attached to the gown, seems to have had three uses: it could be slipped over the head for warmth, worn as a shoulder cape, or, when hanging from the shoulder, used as a bag in which alms could be collected. It is believed that when large wigs were worn the cape part of the hood was cut open in front and a narrow neckband inserted. The entire garment, cape and hood proper, was allowed to fall back, producing approximately the effect we see today.

In America, the hood is the most outstanding feature. Much of the American academic costume is derived from regalia worn at British universities. The usual color for academic gowns in the United States is black. The bachelor's gown is worn closed, while the master's and doctor's may be worn open or closed. The shape of the sleeve is the distinguishing mark of the gowns: bachelor, long pointed sleeve; master, oblong, square cut in back with an arc cut away in front; doctor, bell shaped.

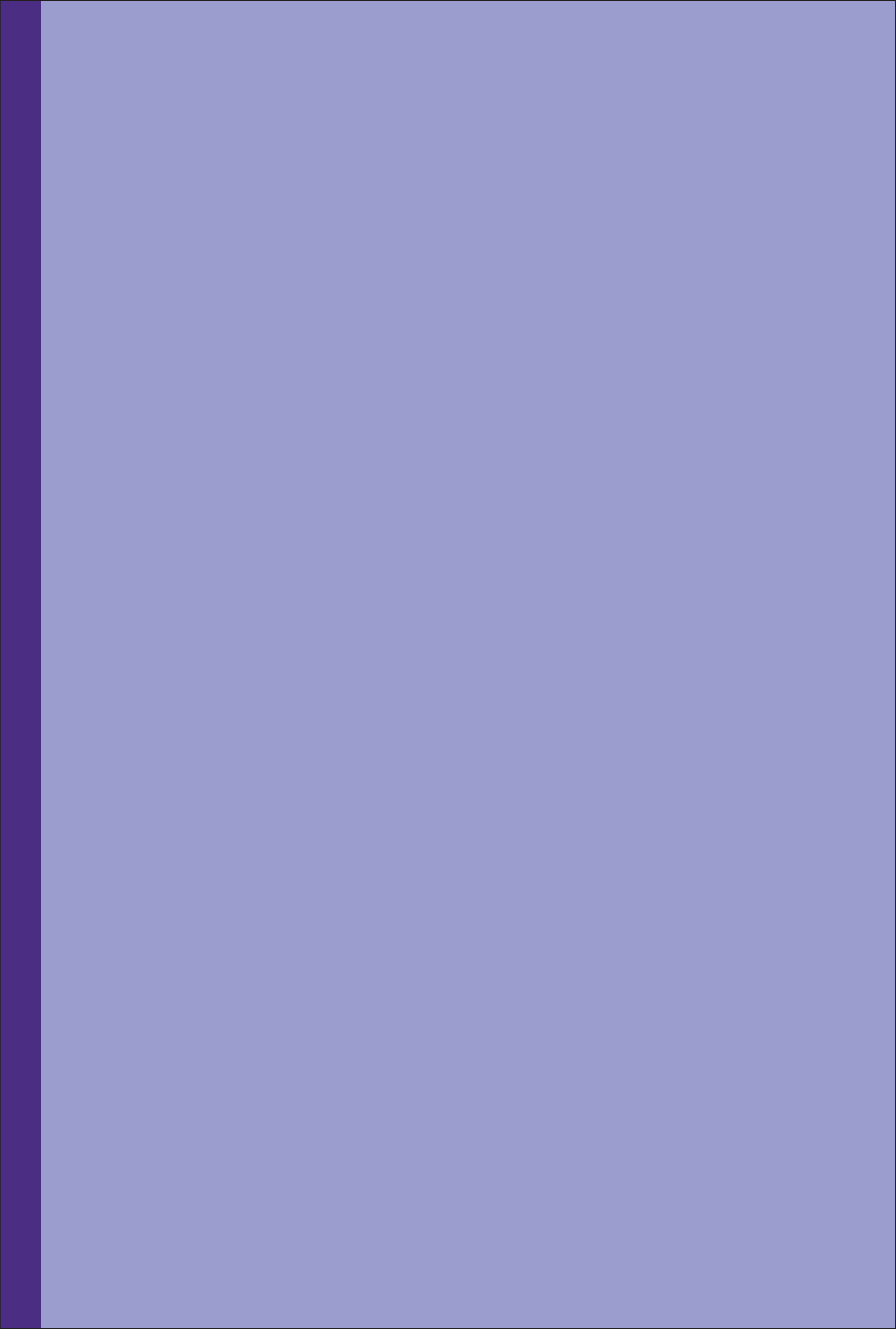
Caps are black, as are the tassels for the bachelor of arts (B.A. or A.B.), bachelor of science (B.S. or Sc.B.), and bachelor of engineering (B.E.) degrees. Tassels for the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree are gold, while those for other graduate

and professional degrees may be of the color corresponding to the trimming on the hoods. Special caps — befeater caps — are worn at Kenyon by the trustees. This type of cap is also used by some European universities.

Many European universities have distinctive caps and gowns that are different from those commonly used in this country. Some of the gowns are of bright colors, some are embellished with fur. A few of these may be noted in the academic procession today.

The shape and size of the hood marks the college degree of the wearer. The hoods are lined with the color of the institution from which wearers received their degrees. The trimming of the collar of the hood is the color that designates the degree: liberal arts, white; fine arts and architecture, brown; science, golden yellow; music, pink; divinity, scarlet; law, purple; engineering, orange; philosophy, blue; medicine, green; public health, salmon; forestry, russet; nursing, apricot. With more than fifteen hundred colleges and universities in the United States, various arrangements of the primary colors are used.

Honorary-degree hoods are distinguished as follows: master of arts (M.A.), white; doctor of humane letters (L.H.D.) and doctor of letters (Litt.D.), white; doctor of science (Sc.D.), golden yellow; doctor of divinity (D.D.), scarlet; doctor of laws (LL.D.), purple; doctor of fine arts (D.F.A.), brown.



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