

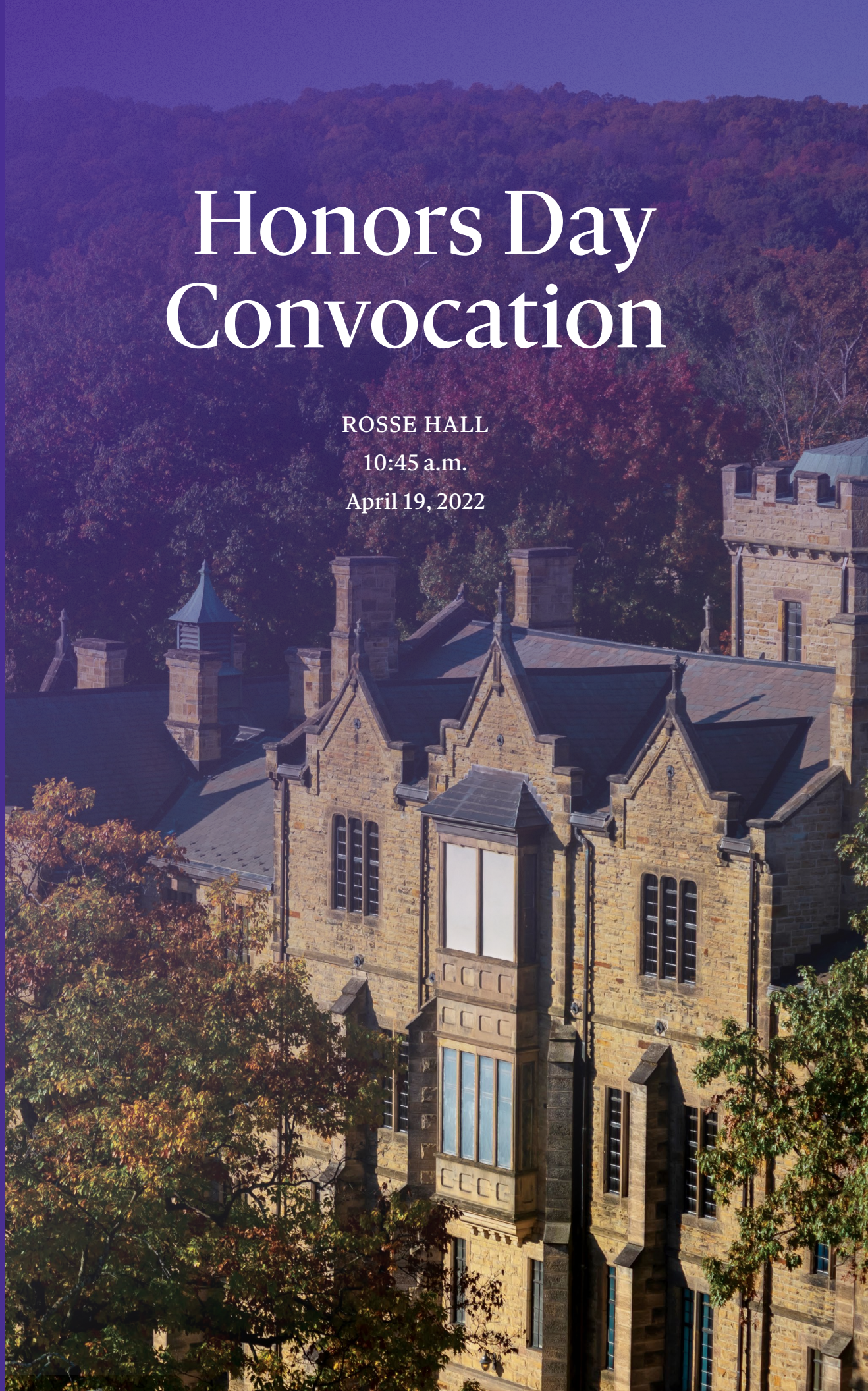


Honors Day Convocation

ROSSE HALL

10:45 a.m.

April 19, 2022



Program

Sean M. Decatur, presiding
H. Abbie Erler, Faculty Marshal

Processional

Please stand
Scioto Brass

Welcome

Sean M. Decatur, President

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Daniel Mark Epstein, Class of 1970
Presented by Perry C. Lentz

Janet Elaine Lord, Class of 1988
Presented by Joseph L. Klesner

Byers “Bud” Wendell Shaw Jr., Class of 1972
Presented by Harry Itagaki

Anthem

*“Alles was Odem hat, lobe den Herrn”
(Let all that have breath, praise the Lord) (Psalm 150:6)*

Composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Sung by the Kenyon College Chamber Singers

Directed by Benjamin R. Locke, Professor of Music

Awards and Honors

Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards
James P. Finn, Trustee

Fellowships and Awards
Sean M. Decatur, President

Departmental Prizes
Jeffrey A. Bowman, Provost

College Prizes
Celestino J. Limas, Vice President for Student Affairs

Closing Remarks

Sean M. Decatur, President

Recessional

Please stand
Scioto Brass

Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Letters

Daniel Mark Epstein, Class of 1970

Your life in letters is marked by brilliant achievement in every realm in the literary archipelago: lyric poetry, long poetry, translation, fiction, drama, history, biography and scholarship, and most recently has produced a sonnet sequence about the pandemic, a commissioned essay about Dante, and a play about Colonial Virginia. You have published in an atlas of venues including the Atlantic, the American Scholar, the Paris Review, the New Republic, the New Yorker, and National Public Radio. You have unforgettably evoked a boy lost at the bottom of a well and a boy lost in the wonder of a star; you have written much-acclaimed books about Whitman, Millay, Bob Dylan, Nat King Cole and Aimee Semple McPherson, about Lincoln's marriage, Lincoln's private secretaries, and Benjamin Franklin's Loyalist son. You have garnered an Alpine range of awards: a Wilson, a Danforth, a Guggenheim, a Prix de Rome and an Academy Award in Letters. In reviews of your work, one word appears with daunting frequency: "the best poem of the year," "the best long poem since Ginsberg," "one of the ten best books of the year," "the best Lincoln book in a generation," "the best-known holiday story since 'A Christmas Carol.'" On this Hill where literature is so admired, you have every right to preen and swagger, but you are always modest, deferential and even shy, always patient, kind and courteous. These are the outward signs of your inner virtues which make the word "humane" so absolutely appropriate, because they are the greatest of the humane virtues: humility, gentleness, compassion and empathy, and they inform each and every one of the works in your unmatched career in contemporary letters.

Presented by Perry C. Lentz
Professor Emeritus of English

Doctor of Laws

Janet Elaine Lord, Class of 1988

Janet Elaine Lord, Class of 1988 and parent of a 2019 Kenyon alumna, renowned scholar of and advocate for inclusive development and the human rights of people with disabilities, you parlayed your Kenyon history degree into a career in international law that has spanned international law firms, the academy, and non-governmental organizations both in the United States and abroad. Following your Kenyon education, which included a year at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and ended with *cum laude* honors, you returned to Edinburgh to study law, completing LL.B. and LL.M degrees there, and then took an LL.M in international and comparative law from George Washington University Law School. Your advocacy for the rights of people with disabilities has included stints with many international agencies and non-profit organizations, ranging from the Landmine Survivors Network to the United Nations Disability Program, and including most recently leading Amnesty International USA as its board chair. Through your leadership at BlueLaw, you built an international development consultancy that has supported projects to create

and implement laws and policies to facilitate the inclusion of people with disabilities in more than thirty countries, and you continue to consult as independent legal counsel on international and comparative disability law and inclusive development projects. Your disability rights advocacy has always included legal and policy-oriented scholarship – with four books and scores of articles and chapters to your credit – as you have endeavored to expand international human rights law and development practice to incorporate people with disabilities. Fittingly, you help to prepare the next generation of international human rights lawyers as a professor at the law schools of the University of Maryland and American University, where you have taught health and international human rights law and international disability rights law, as well as working as a senior research fellow at the Harvard Law School Project on Disability. For these many accomplishments on behalf of those whose rights are only beginning to be recognized worldwide, we are proud to honor you today.

Presented by Joseph L. Klesner
Professor of Political Science

Doctor of Science

Byers "Bud" Wendell Shaw Jr., M.D., Class of 1972

A native Ohioan and the son of a surgeon, you came to Kenyon unsure of your path. However, the summers shadowing your father in the OR, assisted by your stepmother, an OR nurse, opened your eyes; the planning, the teamwork and the skill involved swayed you to go to medical school at Case Western Reserve University. After residency in surgery in Utah, in 1981 you joined the renowned organ transplant team of Dr. Thomas Starzl in Pittsburgh, helping to pioneer ground-breaking procedures, including the world's first double heart-liver transplant, done in a young girl. You also refined how livers are transplanted, moving it from an experimental procedure to one that is routine. Along the way, you moved west to start the liver transplant program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), eventually becoming the Chair of Surgery. A skilled physician, you also displayed a deep conscience, strongly advocating early for a national organ procurement system. The human element in medicine is never far from your mind as after your retirement as a surgeon, you took on the tasks of improving patient care at UNMC and teaching and mentoring medical students. You've also written a moving memoir, *Last Night in the OR: A Transplant Surgeon's Odyssey*, a part of which was adapted into a piece in The New York Times. In it, you address your anxiety issues as well as the difficult times when your own children were near death, humanizing a profession that is often seen in superhuman terms. Clearly, the liberal arts coexist seamlessly with medicine in you, and we take great pride in the part that Kenyon has played in guiding your exemplary life.

Presented by Harry Itagaki
Professor Emeritus of Biology

Awards and Honors

Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards

Established by the Board of Trustees of Kenyon College to recognize distinguished teaching by Kenyon's faculty. Annually there are two substantial monetary awards, one to a tenured faculty member who has been teaching at the College for at least ten years, and the other to either a tenured or tenure-track faculty member who is in his or her first ten years at Kenyon. The awards for 2022 were presented to:

Professor of Dance Julie Brodie (senior award)

Assistant Professor of Arabic Qussay Al-Attabi (junior award)

Unless otherwise noted, recipients of awards, fellowships, and prizes are members of the Class of 2022. The ongoing pandemic has necessitated changes to the qualifications for some awards.

Fellowships and Awards

Critical Language Scholarship

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, this scholarship is awarded to college students for participation in intensive overseas language and cultural immersion programs.

Julia Conner, Class of 2024

Amanda Pyne

The Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies

Established in 1946 in memory of Mr. Dalton, this fellowship is awarded to students who have demonstrated leadership, character, and excellence in academic work for graduate study in American government, history, or literature.

Rebecca Turner

Fulbright Fellowship*

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, this fellowship provides funds for recipients to study, conduct research, teach, or exercise their talents abroad in furtherance of cultural competencies.

STUDY RESEARCH

James Huffman, Class of 2017, Hungary

ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

Liam Berg, Class of 2021, Taiwan

Willow Green, Class of 2021, Israel

Samuel Hosmer-Quint, Colombia

Ariella Kissin, Azerbaijan

Emma Roday, Class of 2021, Palestinian Territories (West Bank)

Abby Timmins, Spain

ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP (ALTERNATE)

Emma Banks, Greenland

Betania Escobar, Colombia

Liv Kane, Croatia

Hayden Toftner, Germany

U.S. TEACHING ASSISTANT

Elena Petron, Austria

*A complete list of names and country assignments for Fulbright winners will be included in the Commencement program for 2022.

Barry M. Goldwater Excellence in Education Scholarship

Established by the U.S. Congress in 1986 to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in engineering, mathematics, and the natural sciences, these scholarships are awarded to rising juniors and seniors.

Ella Wilson, Class of 2023

The Elmer A. Graham Endowed Scholarship

Established in 1988 to honor a former chairman of the Kenyon College Board of Trustees, this scholarship covers tuition costs for the recipient's senior year.

Beimnet Kassaye, Class of 2023

National Collegiate Athletic Association

Postgraduate Award

A one-time, non-renewable grant of \$10,000 awarded by the NCAA to a total of 174 recipients annually, equally divided between men and women, this award is presented to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletic competition.

Emma Becker

Departmental Prizes

AMERICAN STUDIES

The William B. Scott Award

Awarded annually for the best written, visual, or exhibition project in an American studies course, this award is presented to a student for work done in the current or previous academic year.

Hannah Bachman

ANTHROPOLOGY

The Margaret Mead Award

In honor of the renowned American anthropologist, this award is presented to a student majoring in anthropology who, in the judgment of the department's faculty, has demonstrated consistently excellent academic achievement in all areas of the discipline.

Karolina Marie Edlund

ART

The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award in Art

Established in honor of Robert H. Hallstein by his parents, this award is granted to a senior art major whose consistent high level of artistic accomplishment in studio art courses is recognized by the art department faculty.

Ella Musher-Eizenman

Logan Snell

The Peterson Prize in Art

Established by the parents of M. Kristina Peterson, Class of 1973, this award is granted to a senior art major whose consistent high level of artistic accomplishment in studio art courses is recognized by the art department faculty.

Daisy Dow

Rebekah Utian

ART HISTORY

The Richard Kingan Liggitt Memorial Award in Art History

Established in 1991 in memory of Mr. Liggitt, Class of 1974, by a bequest from Mr. Liggitt's estate and by friends, this award is granted at the discretion of the department for outstanding achievement in art history. Recipients' names are engraved on a plaque displayed in the Gund Gallery.

Kaiya Read Case

Anna Elizabeth Shaulis

BIOLOGY

The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize

Established as a gift of the late Mr. Brown of the Class of 1911 and Mrs. Brown in memory of their son, Robert Bowen Brown Jr. of the Class of 1940, this prize is awarded to a member of the senior class who, in the opinion of the department's faculty, has done the best original or research work in biology during the year.

Charles Voirin

The Dorothy E. And Thomas C. Jegla Prize

Awarded to a first-year student who has done excellent work, including the independent project, in the yearlong Introduction to Experimental Biology laboratory sequence.

Zachary Baker, Class of 2024

Vaughn Hajra, Class of 2024

Sophia Knaysi, Class of 2024

Jackson Newell, Class of 2024

The Maxwell Elliott Power Prize

Established as a memorial to the late Professor Power of the Department of Biology, this prize is awarded to an upperclass student of unusual promise in biology. The prize is a cash award.

Ansley Grider

CHEMISTRY

The Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award

A certificate given to a first-year chemistry student who, in the opinion of the department's faculty, is doing outstanding work in the course.

Naomi Kennel, Class of 2025

Juliette Lowe, Class of 2025

The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry

This cash award named for the world-renowned scientist, author, educator, and 1943 alumnus of Kenyon is presented for outstanding achievement to a senior majoring in chemistry or biochemistry who exemplifies the liberally educated scientist. This senior is honored not only for excellence in chemistry, but also for excellence in significant studies undertaken elsewhere in the College. The recipient's name will be engraved on a plaque displayed in Robert J. Tomsich Hall.

Emma Becker

Kirollos Nader Mikhaeel

The Gordon L. Johnson Research Prize

Presented in memory of Professor Emeritus Gordon Johnson to the student who, in the opinion of the department's faculty, has done the best research project during the preceding year with a member of the chemistry faculty.

Aidan Clarkson

CLASSICS

The George L. Brain Prize

Given by friends in memory of Mr. Brain, Class of 1920, a devoted alumnus and trustee of Kenyon, this prize is awarded to a student who has done outstanding work in classics.

Bayla Kamens

The Carl Diehl Prize

Provided by a donation from Mr. Diehl, friend of the classics and former member of the Kenyon community, this prize is awarded to a first-year student or sophomore who has done outstanding work in Beginning Greek and to a first-year student or sophomore who has done outstanding work in Beginning Latin.

Alexis Mladineo, Class of 2024 (Greek)

Yueqi Song, Class of 2025 (Latin)

ECONOMICS

The Paul Titus Economics Prize

Presented annually to a senior who has demonstrated unusual competence in economics and in the use of the tools of economic analysis.

Prashant Bhandari

ENGLISH

The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship

Given by Dorothea Daniel in memory of her husband, a professor of English at Kenyon from 1960 to 1983, this scholarship is awarded to a returning student who, in the judgment of the Department of English, has made a significant and extraordinary contribution to the literary life and vitality of Kenyon.

Micah Kim, Class of 2023

Ilan Magnani, Class of 2024

Ocean Wei, Class of 2024

The English Junior Prize

The prize is awarded annually to one or more juniors majoring in English who, as determined by the department, have done the most distinguished work in their courses in English.

Sarah Bettigole, Class of 2023

Molly Fording, Class of 2023

Jennifer Jantzen, Class of 2023

The Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award

Given by a friend and admirer in memory of Professor Sutcliffe, chair of the Department of English from 1956 until his death in 1964, this award is given to a senior for excellence in the study of English and American literature.

Audrey Mueller

Amanda Pyne

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Senior Prize

Established by the Lambda Chapter of Sigma Pi in memory of Mr. Timberlake, Class of 1917, this prize was made possible by a bequest from the estate of George K. Ralston, Class of 1924. The prize is awarded annually to one or more seniors majoring in English who, as determined by the department, have done the most distinguished writing during the senior year.

Monmita Chakrabarti

Dylan Hartman

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The Environmental Studies Outstanding Senior Award

Given to a senior environmental studies major who has demonstrated both exceptional achievements as a scholar and leadership in their commitment to environmental issues.

Emma Coffman

HISTORY

The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize

Given annually to commemorate the standards of scholarship exemplified by Mr. Baker, professor of history from 1959 to 1991, this prize is awarded to the student who has submitted the best essay on an aspect of European history between the fall of Rome and the era of Napoleon.

John Ortiz

The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize

A cash award given by friends in memory of Mr. Goldsmith, Class of 1911, a trustee of Kenyon from 1947 to 1952, this prize is presented to a student who, in the judgment of the department's faculty, has accomplished the best work in history in the current year.

Hayley Beluch

Abigail Foster, Class of 2023

The Curtis A. Seichter Award

Given in memory of Mr. Seichter, Class of 1980, by classmates and friends, this award is presented to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the study of history, irrespective of the field, as judged by a faculty committee appointed to review portfolios of the nominated students' work.

Ione Blaxall, Class of 2023

INTEGRATED PROGRAM IN HUMANE STUDIES

The Richard F. Hettlinger Award

Honoring the founder and first director of the Integrated Program in Humane Studies, this award is given to the student in the program who best exemplifies the ideals of interdisciplinary scholarship and enthusiastic inquiry into the questions concerning human nature and values that Professor Hettlinger revered in his teaching and life.

Alexander Gow

Erin Shaheen

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The International Studies Award

Established in 2011, this award is presented to the senior international studies major who best exemplifies the mission of the International Studies Program.

Michelle Hanna

Aaron Lambert

Raul Romero

LATINO/A STUDIES

The Christopher E. Schmidt-Nowara Latino Studies Award

Established in 2015 to honor the memory of Christopher E. Schmidt-Nowara, Class of 1988, professor of Spanish culture and civilization at Tufts University, this award is presented for the best written, visual, or exhibition project on the diverse experiences of people who trace their origins to the countries of Latin America and the Spanish Caribbean.

Henry Robert Hirschfeld

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

The Reginald B. Allen Prize

The gift of Mrs. Bessie Allen in memory of her husband, for many years head of the Department of Mathematics, this prize is awarded to a student who has shown unusual promise in mathematics.

Prashant Bhandari

The J. R. Butz Mathematics Prize

Established in 1997 through a bequest from Jeffrey R. Butz, Class of 1969, to honor achievement in mathematics, this prize is awarded to Kenyon's highest scorer in the W.L. Putnam Mathematical Competition.

Ethan Bonnell, Class of 2023

The Solomon R. S. Kasper Prize

A cash award established in 1992 in memory of Mr. Kasper, Class of 1986, by his family, this prize is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding creativity and ingenuity in mathematics and computer science.

Andy Kelleher

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

The Arabic Prize

Presented for outstanding achievement in the study of Arabic.

Sutton Michaela Amthor

The Thomas Au '69 And Jack Au '73 Chinese Prize

Established in 2011 by Thomas Au, Class of 1969, and Jack Au, Class of 1973, this prize is awarded for outstanding achievement in Chinese studies.

Seamus Clair

Mari Holben

The Edward Harvey Prize in French

Named for the late Samuel Mather Professor Emeritus of French Language and Literature at Kenyon, this prize is presented for excellence in French studies.

Alice Auerbacher

The Charles Singer Williams Prize in French

Established in 1992 through the bequest of Thelma S. Williams in honor of her son, Charles Singer Williams, Class of 1963, this prize is awarded to an outstanding student of French language and literature.

Julia Williams

The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize in German

A cash prize, given in memory of Sigrid Lanzrath, who, as an official of Inter Naciones, Bonn, became a real friend of Kenyon, this prize is awarded for outstanding achievement in German studies.

Katie Hileman

Hayden Toftner

The Italian Prize

Presented for accomplishment in the study of Italian.

Katie Hileman

The Japanese Prize

Presented for outstanding achievement in Japanese studies.

Nathan Chu

The American Council of Teachers of Russian Post-Secondary Russian Scholar Laureate Award

This award provides national recognition for outstanding junior and senior university-level students who best embody an enthusiasm for and love of things Russian. One Kenyon student each year is nominated by the Russian faculty and receives a certificate from the ACTR.

Alyssa Dowling

The Natalia Olshanskaya Scholarship in Russian Studies

Established in 2016 through donations from Kenyon alumni, faculty, and friends whose lives were touched by Professor Olshanskaya, the scholarship is awarded each year to a junior Russian major or minor to their financial aid package to help pay for off-campus study in the language and/or culture.

Madeline Russell, Class of 2024

The Russian Prize

Presented for extraordinary work in the Russian language.

Jack Sutherland, Class of 2023

The Spanish Prize

Presented for excellence in the study of Spanish literature.

Aaron Lambert

Abby Timmins

MUSIC

The Gabriel A. Ben-Meir Senior Award in Music

Established in 2015 by the department in memory of Gabriel A. Ben-Meir, Class of 2003, this award is given annually to a senior music major in recognition of outstanding achievement during the course of four years in the department.

Jana Heckerman

The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award in Music Performance

Established by the late Kenyon Archivist Thomas B. Greenslade, Class of 1931, and his late wife, Mary, this award is given annually to the student or students who have given the most outstanding solo performance or series of performances during the academic year.

Ethan Bonnell, Class of 2023

Kathryn Dawdy, Class of 2021

Eli Hiton, Class of 2023

The Kathleen "Kay" Locke Community Service Prize in Music

Established in 2015 in honor of Kay Locke, wife of Professor of Music Benjamin R. Locke, this prize is given annually to the student or students who have provided outstanding service to the Kenyon community through their musical activities.

Stephanie Kaufman, Class of 2023

NEUROSCIENCE

The Jon L. Williams Prize

Named for the founder of Kenyon's neuroscience program, this prize is awarded to a senior who has shown exceptional academic achievement, engagement in research, and service to the program.

Hailey Napier

PHILOSOPHY

The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize

Named for a former professor of philosophy at Kenyon, this prize is awarded for dedication to, and excellence in, the study of philosophy.

Daisy Dow

PHYSICS

The Elbe H. Johnson Prize

Established in 1967 by the department in memory of the late Mr. Johnson, the Henry G. Dalton Professor of Physics, and in recognition of his many years of devoted service to Kenyon, this prize is awarded to a student who has shown special promise in physics during the year.

Bea Fatima, Class of 2025

Drake Lewis, Class of 2025

Dilara Sen, Class of 2025

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The John Chesnut Memorial Prize

Given by Alexander M. Griggs of the Class of 1953 in memory of his classmate, the prize consists of books of permanent value and is awarded to the student who has done the best work in the field of political science during the year.

Nick Becker

PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology Award for Outstanding Service

This award honors the student's commitment to psychology related community service on or off campus.

Lauren Laplace Smith

The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award for Integrative Study in Psychology and Economics

This cash prize, established by the Williams family in 1984 in memory of Mr. Williams, Class of 1983, is presented annually to the student majoring in either psychology or economics who, in the opinion of the faculties of those departments, best demonstrates the capacity to progress beyond his or her own discipline and seek integration between it and other fields of inquiry.

Prashant Bhandari

The Wilson Award for Academic Excellence in Psychology

This award is given to celebrate the student's high academic achievements and named in honor of Julia Wilson '18, an outstanding scholar and athlete.

Adrienne Kvaka

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Simpson Prize

The gift of Dr. and Mrs. Hector C. McKnew of Newark, Ohio, in memory of Rev. Thomas Porter Simpson, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Newark, Ohio, this prize is awarded to a student who, in the opinion of the department's faculty, has done outstanding work in the department.

Micah Glickman

SOCIOLOGY

The Jane Addams Award

In honor of the much-celebrated social activist, this award is presented to a student majoring in sociology who, in the judgment of the department's faculty, has displayed in the past year's work qualities of excellence, enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment in the discipline.

Ana Dunn

The George Herbert Mead Award

In honor of the noted American social theorist, this award is presented to sociology majors who demonstrate innovation in theory or methodology or consistently display other qualities of academic excellence as student scholars.

Grace Peterson

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

The Molly R. Hatcher Prize in Women's and Gender Studies

Established by the Women's and Gender Studies Committee in 1989 and renamed in 2000 as a memorial to Ms. Hatcher, Class of 2000, who was pursuing a concentration in women's and gender studies, this award is given to a current student for the best work of art, composition, essay, performance, scientific study, or other piece, produced during the previous calendar year, in which gender is a central theme. The recipient's name is inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Crozier Center.

Sydney Zimmerman

College Prizes

The George Gund Award

Established by the late Mr. Gund of Cleveland, a Kenyon trustee and parent, this award is given annually for the best essays on topics that illuminate the nature of American life, culture, or principles of government.

Evan Wagner

The George B. Ogden Award

A cash award given by Thomas J. Goddard, Class of 1903, in honor of his friend George B. Ogden, this award is presented annually to the student who submits in competition the best essay in English prose.

Liv Kane

The Academy of American Poetry Prize

This cash prize, awarded annually, is presented to a student for the best poem or group of poems submitted in competition.

Stephanie Chang, Class of 2025

The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize

The gift of Professor Bradbrook, a distinguished visitor to the Department of English from Cambridge University, this prize is awarded annually to the student who submits in competition the best original short story or other specimen of prose fiction.

Kate Rarey

The Propper Prize for Poetry

Given by friends in memory of James M. Propper, Class of 1951, this prize is awarded to the first-year student or sophomore whose poem or group of poems, submitted in competition, is judged best by the Poetry Prize Committee.

Sara Carmichael, Class of 2025

Kathleen Turk, Class of 2025

The John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize

Established in 1968 by the College in honor of the late Carnegie Professor of Poetry, a copy of Ransom's Selected Poems is awarded to the junior or senior whose poem or group of poems, submitted in competition, is judged best by the Poetry Prize Committee.

Virginia Kane

The Barbara H. Reitsma Award of the Math and Science Skills Center

Established in 2020 to honor Barbara Reitsma, the center's late former director, and to recognize a senior tutor in the center who embodies her legacy of compassion and dedication.

Mary Gerhardinger

The Ashford Memorial Award for Excellence in Dramatics

A cup given by the Iota Chapter of Psi Upsilon in honor of the late William Ray Ashford, professor of modern foreign languages and friend of theater at Kenyon from 1924 to 1954 is awarded annually to the student who, in the opinion of the judges, has made the most notable contribution to theater at Kenyon. The award may be made on the basis of one outstanding performance or piece of work or on the sum of an individual's activities during one or several years.

Cora Cicala

The James E. Michael Prize in Playwriting

Established by alumni in 1978 at the opening of the Bolton Theater, honoring the late Professor Emeritus of Drama James E. Michael, this prize is given to the student who has submitted the best original script to the judging committee. The recipient's name will be engraved on a plaque displayed in the Bolton Theater lobby.

Eleanor Evans-Wickberg

The Paul Newman Trophy

This prize – given by Mr. Newman, Class of 1949 – is presented for the best acting performance by a male student; awarded annually to a student who, in the opinion of the judges, has given the most skillful and successful performance in an acting role during the year.

Teddy Fisher for the role of "Oedipus" in Oedipus Rex

The Joanne Woodward Trophy

This prize – given in honor of his wife by Paul L. Newman, Class of 1949 – is awarded annually to the actress who, in the opinion of the judges, has given the most skillful and successful performance in an acting role during the academic year.

Delilah Draper for the role of "Amanda" in Private Lives

The Dance Prize

Established in 1987 by members of the Kenyon community, this prize is awarded annually to the student who, in the opinion of the judges, has made the most notable contribution to dance at Kenyon. The recipient's name will be permanently displayed on a plaque in the Bolton Theater lobby.

Gabriela Marx

The Leopoldo López Student Award

Presented to a current student who has shown significant commitment to the advancement of a cause; demonstrable impact, clarity of purpose, engagement with others in the community; meaningful contributions to the understanding of the pursuit of freedom or democracy through research or other scholarly pursuits; and sustained commitment to the creation of a new effort or the infusing of new vigor into an effort that had lost momentum.

Raul Romero

The Middle Path Partnership Award for Community Service

Awarded to the student who, in the eyes of a selection committee, has demonstrated notable, dedicated, and sustained efforts to enhance existing relationships and efforts or to build new ones between constituents of the campus community (members of the administration, faculty, and staff, students, and union members), the College and the Village of Gambier, or the College and the greater Knox County community.

Nick Becker

The Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award

This award is presented annually to the student organization and/or individual student that/who has best promoted social justice through service activities and programs as exemplified by the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr.

Micah Smith

The Doris B. Crozier Award

Established in 1973 in recognition of the leadership and standards set by the women of the Class of 1973 by friends of Ms. Crozier, dean of the Coordinate College for Women from 1968 to 1972, this award is presented to a student who has demonstrated qualities of vision, responsibility, courage, and dedication to excellence. The recipient's name is inscribed on a cup displayed in the office of the Dean of Students.

Cherish Banks

The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup

Established in 1935 by the late Mr. Anderson, Class of 1914, this cup is inscribed each year with the name of the student who, in the opinion of students and faculty members, has done the most for Kenyon during the year.

Kirollos Nader Mikhaeel



A complete list of award-winners will be included in this year's Commencement program.

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