



# Honors Day Convocation

ROSSE HALL

10:45 a.m.

April 20, 2023



## Program

Jeffrey A. Bowman, presiding  
H. Abbie Erler, Faculty Marshal

## Processional

*Please stand*  
Scioto Brass

## Welcome

Jeffrey A. Bowman, Acting President

## Conferring of Honorary Degrees

**David Lewis Bergman, Class of 1972**  
*Presented by David H. Lynn*

**Julie Ann Cerel, Class of 1994**  
*Presented by Linda M. Smolak*

**Marela Zacarías, Class of 2000**  
*Presented by Claudia J. Esslinger*

## Anthem

*“Siehe, wir preisen selig die erduldet haben”*  
“Behold, we consider those who endure as blessed.  
You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen  
the purposes of the Lord, that the Lord is merciful and a  
redeemer.” (James 5:11)  
*Composed by Johannes Brahms (1883-1897)*  
*Sung by the Kenyon College Chamber Singers*  
*Directed by Benjamin R. Locke, Professor of Music*

## Awards and Honors

**Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards**  
Brackett B. Denniston III, Chair, Board of Trustees

**Fellowships and Awards**  
Acting President Bowman

**Departmental Prizes**  
Sheryl A. Hemkin, Acting Provost

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

## Closing Remarks

Acting President Bowman

## Recessional

Scioto Brass

## Honorary Degrees

### Doctor of Humane Letters

David Lewis Bergman, Class of 1972

You took your place in Kenyon's long line of literary apostles, David Bergman, soon after arriving in 1968. Naturally enough, you became a leading member of the "literary fraternity," Psi Upsilon, and also contributed to *Hika*, one of the most distinguished undergraduate journals in the country. Perhaps more important, however, you made lifelong friends among many students, including Daniel Mark Epstein '70, and faculty mentors such as Gerrit Roelofs, the passionate scholar and teacher, and Phil Church, poet and *enfant terrible*. Small wonder, then, that you continued your scholarly pursuits as one of the select doctoral candidates at the Johns Hopkins University, while also continuing to write powerful poems of the first order. In 1985 you published "Cracking the Code", a first book of poetry, which won the George Elliston Poetry Prize. And your career continued to flourish for decades as a professor of literature at Towson State University, as well as an editor, scholar, and critic. In editing the barrier-shattering series "Men on Men", moreover, you became one of the most influential advocates for gay rights and gay writers in the 1980s and 90s. You boldly revealed what had been patently true all along — that many of history's most celebrated authors have been gay or lesbian. You opened our eyes so we could see. As you have written: "I suspect that all teachers of American literature assign at least some of these writers because the story of American literature can't be told without acknowledging lesbian and gay writers, although it has often been told by ignoring that they were gay and lesbian and by omitting works that speak most clearly about their sexual orientation." For such brave assertions and for your many other achievements, Kenyon is proud to honor you today.

Presented by David H. Lynn, Class of 1976  
*Professor of English*

### Doctor of Science

Julie Ann Cerel, Class of 1994

Julie Cerel, you are widely recognized as a national and international expert in bereavement associated with suicide, a reputation rooted in your prolific, paradigm-shifting research program as well as in your crucial public policy initiatives. None of this surprises those of us who knew you as a Kenyon undergraduate. Even then you were an imaginative, thorough, thoughtful, and tenacious researcher, even accessing voter rolls to try to secure a diverse sample. You graduated from Kenyon with high honors in psychology, the very first recognition of your research prowess. It is not surprising that you forged your own path to a clinical psychology doctorate by securing a career determining research assistantship with Julie Fristad at The Ohio State University. Here you were immersed in research concerning

suicide bereavement and depression, especially among children. You completed the clinical psychology Ph.D. program at OSU, then moved on to a post-doc in Rochester and ultimately to your current position as the Constance Wilson Professor of Mental Health at the University of Kentucky. Throughout, your commitment to understanding suicide bereavement grew despite frequent admonitions that this was not an appropriate research focus because following the conventional — and misinformed — wisdom of the time, very few people were affected by suicides. Your research revolutionized the field by delineating the true reach of suicide bereavement, thereby defining suicide as a public health issue. Appreciation for your work has been extensive, including the University Research Professor Award at UK and the presidency of the American Association of Suicidology. Your creative and determined approach has changed lives around the world. Kenyon is proud to, again, be one of those lauding your accomplishments.

Presented by Linda M. Smolak  
*Professor Emerita of Psychology*

### Doctor of Fine Arts

Marela Zacarías, Class of 2000

Marela Zacarías, Mexican and American artist. Your undulating sculptural forms embrace the histories and cultures of the public places in which they reside. Curving through doorways and over ledges, they burst from their mural heritage as polished polychromed folds. Made with a skeleton of metal mesh and carapace of plaster, their strength belies their fragile fabric references. In the U.S. Consulate in Monterrey, Mexico, they echo the textile patterns of your indigenous ancestors. At a women's health clinic in midtown Manhattan, they pose as a healing shawl to those who pass by. In the arrivals terminal at the Seattle-Tacoma airport, they appear as enormous floating forms that mimic the waters of Puget Sound. Smaller works fill your solo exhibitions at galleries in New York, Seattle, Detroit and Mexico City, as well as a mid-career survey this year in San Luis Obispo, California. It is not only your art that we celebrate today. We celebrate the student you were when you came to Kenyon and immediately became a leader. As manager of the fledgling Horn Gallery, you led art programming on campus. As president of Adelante, you raised awareness of Latinx cultures. You continue your commitment to Kenyon by embracing our students who intern in your studio. Lastly, we celebrate your radiating positivity that you offer as a gift to all you meet. You remind us that our lives are "vehicles for all our past influences through which we may build our future." You offer us a "reboso" for this journey, a healing shawl of your work that may keep us safe as we travel.

Presented by Claudia J. Esslinger  
*Professor of Art*

## Awards and Honors

### Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards

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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 2023 were presented to:

*Professor of Chemistry Kerry Rouhier (senior award)*

*Assistant Professor of Psychology Leah Dickens (junior award)*

Unless otherwise noted, recipients of awards, fellowships, and prizes are members of the Class of 2023.

### Fellowships and Awards

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#### Critical Language Scholarship

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

*Aram Ebrahimian, Class of 2025*

*Bea Fatima, Class of 2025 (alternate)*

#### The Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies

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

*Lucien Kisch*

#### Fulbright Fellowship\*

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

*Ngone Fall, Class of 2023, Senegal*

*Felix Heisch, Class of 2023, Spain*

*Kate Hileman, Class of 2022, Germany*

*Madeline Vonk, Class of 2023, Spain*

#### ALTERNATES

*Christopher Bechtol, Class of 2023, Uzbekistan*

\*A complete list of names and country assignments for Fulbright winners will be included in the Commencement program for 2023.

#### Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship

Established by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State; provides scholarships to U.S. citizens for study abroad in their junior year.

*Gideon A. Adjei*

*Imani E. Rucker*

#### 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. Scholarships are awarded to rising juniors and seniors.

*Philip Diamond, Class of 2024*

*Andrew Van Horn, Class of 2025*

#### The Elmer A. Graham Endowed Scholarship

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

*Malcolm Thomas Gaynor, Class of 2024*

#### National Collegiate Athletic Association Postgraduate Award

A one-time, non-renewable grant of \$10,000 awarded by the NCAA to a total of 126 recipients annually, equally divided between men and women; presented to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletic competition.

*Marcus Hong, Class of 2022*

*Emmerson A. Mirus, Class of 2022*

#### The Jess Willard Falkenstine Award

Given by the Beta Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi in honor of the late Mr. Falkenstine, coach and director of athletics at Kenyon from 1953 to 1964; awarded annually to outstanding athlete-scholars who, in the opinion of the selection committee, display the characteristics, including leadership and integrity, exemplified by the award.

*Finnbar Murray*

*Katie Orefice*

#### The North Coast Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete Award

Established by the NCAC; awarded annually to one man and one woman from each institution in the conference in recognition of outstanding academic and athletic achievement.

*Drew Albrecht*

*Payton Doan*

## Departmental Prizes

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### AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES

#### **The Allen B. Ballard Prize**

Named in honor of Mr. Ballard, Class of 1952, Professor Emeritus of History and African Studies at SUNY-Albany. The prize annually rewards an outstanding scholarly project that promotes our understanding of the history, cultures, and peoples of the African Diaspora, by focusing on issues pertaining to social justice.

*Eliza Post Wetmore*

### AMERICAN STUDIES

#### **The Muriel B. Kahr American Women's Prize**

Established in 2019 to honor the memory of Muriel Kahr, a Mount Vernon resident who taught mathematics at Kenyon while regular faculty members were in service during World War II.

*Kaya Karibi-Whyte*

#### **The William B. Scott Award**

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

*Jacob Callaway Davidson*

*Dienabou Diallo*

### ANTHROPOLOGY

#### **The Margaret Mead Award**

In honor of the renowned American anthropologist; 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.

*Sydney Landstrom*

### 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.

*Alina Hope Kalmeyer*

*Stephanie Nyarko*

*Sally Frances Vogel*

#### **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.

*Nora Chapman*

### 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; 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.

*Lucy Catherine Adams*

*Ani Araski Parnagian*

### BIOLOGY

#### **The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize**

The 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; 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.

*Yangyang Liu*

#### **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.

*Alejandro Paulino Jr., Class of 2025*

*Jordan Compton Schisler, Class of 2025*

#### **The Maxwell Elliott Power Prize**

Established as a memorial to the late Professor Power of the Department of Biology; awarded to an upperclass student of unusual promise in biology.

*Mark Lang*

### 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.

*Shelly Kahn, Class of 2026*

#### **The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry**

A cash award named for the world-renowned scientist, author, educator, and 1943 alumnus of Kenyon; 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.

*Erika Conant*

### **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.

*Meheret Ourgessa*

### CLASSICS

#### **The George L. Brain Prize**

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

*Anne Larew Rogan*

#### **The Carl Diehl Prize**

Provided by a donation from Mr. Diehl, friend of the classics and former member of the Kenyon community; 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.

*William Banks Ehrlich, Class of 2026 (Greek)*

*Lily Gehres, Class of 2026 (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.

*James Eugene Butler*

### 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; 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.

*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.

*Virginia Ruth Morgan, Class of 2024*

#### **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; awarded to a senior for excellence in the study of English and American literature.

*Molly Fording*

*Zoe Neirink*

### **The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Senior Prize**

Established by the Lambda Chapter of Sigma Pi in memory of Mr. Timberlake, Class of 1917, the 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.

*Caleb Madison Stern*

*Flannery Strain*

### 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.

*Benjamin Harris Pimstone*

### 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; 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.

*Ione Blaxall*

#### **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; presented to a student who, in the judgment of the department's faculty, has accomplished the best work in history in the current year.

*Nika Cooper, Class of 2024*

*Alice Elms Riley*

#### **The Curtis A. Seichter Award**

Given in memory of Mr. Seichter, Class of 1980, by classmates and friends; awarded 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.

*Sydney Thaler, Class of 2024*

### INTEGRATED PROGRAM IN HUMANE STUDIES

#### **The Richard F. Hettlinger Award**

Honors the founder and first director of the Integrated Program in Humane Studies; 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.

*Fredrika Louise Pfeiffer*



## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

### **The International Studies Award**

Established in 2011; awarded to the senior international studies major who best exemplifies the mission of the International Studies Program.

*Liam Thomas Crisan*

## MATHEMATICS & 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; awarded to a student who has shown unusual promise in mathematics.

*Ella Wilson*

### **The J. R. Butz Mathematics Prize**

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

*Mason Anderson Fishell*

### **The Solomon R. S. Kasper Prize**

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

*Dev Akre*

*Sebastian Brylka*

## MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

### **The Arabic Prize**

Presented for outstanding achievement in the study of Arabic.

*Molly McLaughlin*

### **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; awarded for outstanding achievement in Chinese studies.

*Julia Conner, Class of 2024*

### **The Edward Harvey Prize in French**

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

*Zoe-Claire Weiner, Class of 2024*

### **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; awarded to an outstanding student of French language and literature.

*Eliza Post Wetmore*

### **The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize in German**

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

*Grace Elizabeth Broome*

### **The Italian Prize**

Presented for accomplishment in the study of Italian.

*Marco Jacimovic, Class of 2024*

### **The Japanese Prize**

Presented for outstanding achievement in Japanese studies.

*George Novotny*

### **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.

*Jackelyn Samandas, Class of 2025*

### **The Russian Prize**

Presented for extraordinary work in the Russian language.

*Christopher Michael Bechtol*

### **The Spanish Prize**

Presented for excellence in the study of Spanish literature.

*Anabel Shaffer Barnett*

## 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; given annually to a senior music major in recognition of outstanding achievement during the course of four years in the department.

*Brucken Wilkens*

### **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; given annually to the student or students who have given the most outstanding solo performance or series of performances during the academic year.

*Linnea Mumma, Class of 2022*

### **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; given annually to the student or students who have provided outstanding service to the Kenyon community through their musical activities.

*Ethan Bonnell*

## NEUROSCIENCE

### **The Jon L. Williams Prize**

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

*Maeve Griffin*

*Babkier Higazi*

## PHILOSOPHY

### **The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize**

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

*Maia Wolf-Livingston*

## PHYSICS

### **The Elbe H. Johnson Prize**

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

*Lily Gehres, Class of 2026*

## 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; awarded to the student who has done the best work in the field of political science during the year.

*George Novotny*

## PSYCHOLOGY

### **The Psychology Award for Outstanding Service**

Given to honor the student's commitment to psychology related community service on or off campus.

*Jacqueline McKeown*

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

A cash prize established by the Williams family in 1984 in memory of Mr. Williams, Class of 1983; 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.

*Aidan Charles Constant*

### **The Wilson Award for Academic Excellence in Psychology**

Given to celebrate the student's high academic achievements. Named in honor of Julia Wilson '18, an outstanding scholar and athlete.

*Grace Anne Cox*

## 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; awarded to a student who, in the opinion of the department's faculty, has done outstanding work in the department.

*Grace Ellen Korthuis*

### **The Alpha Chi Gamma Undergraduate Achievement Award**

Awarded to a member of Alpha Chi Gamma, chapter for Theta Alpha Kappa.

*Owen William Hevly*

## SOCIOLOGY

### **The Jane Addams Award**

In honor of the much-celebrated social activist; 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.

*Elliot Emmet Moore*

### **The George Herbert Mead Award**

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

*Cynthia Isabella Oyarce*

## 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; awarded 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.

*Lucy Catherine Adams*

## College Prizes

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### **The George Gund Award**

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

*Ben Gruodis-Gimbel, Class of 2024, for "Investment, not Charity: The American Benefits of Protecting Sovereign Democracies"*

*Daniel Kowalczyk, Class of 2024, for "Ukrainian Freedom and American Democracy: The Case for American Support of Democracy"*



### **The George B. Ogden Award**

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

*Osose Omofomah, Class of 2026, for "Stadium Boys"*

### **The Academy of American Poetry Prize**

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

*Aaliyah Daniels, for "Black Girl Horrified by Sight"*

### **The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize**

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

*Stephanie Chang, Class of 2025, for "Bridle"*

### **The Propper Prize for Poetry**

Given by friends in memory of James M. Propper, Class of 1951; 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.

*William Elwood Madden, Class of 2026, for "i can't sing"*

### **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 awarded to the junior or senior whose poem or group of poems, submitted in competition, is judged best by the Poetry Prize Committee.

*Cameron Moore, for "A Tree-Baby is Born in Amish Country"*

### **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.

*Yangyang Liu*

### **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; 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.

*Clay Abraham Garfield*

### **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; 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.

*MJ Farrell, Class of 2024, for "Do Big Kids Cry?"*

### **The Paul Newman-Joanne Woodward Award for Best Performance**

Given by Mr. Newman, Class of 1949, and his wife, for the best acting performance by a student; awarded annually to two students who, in the opinion of the judges, have given the most skillful and successful performance in an acting role during the year.

*Julia Friedman, for the role of Avery Willard in "Rapture, Blister, Burn"*

*Grace Jolliffe, for the role of King Henry in "Henry V"*

### **The Dance Prize**

Established in 1987 by members of the Kenyon community; 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.

*Erika Abe*

*Sofia Rebeka Wilson*

### **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.

*Ocean Wei, Class of 2024*

### **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; awarded 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.

*Ubongabasi James Asuquo*

### **The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup**

Established in 1935 by the late Mr. Anderson, Class of 1914; 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.

*Ubongabasi James Asuquo*





Note: Several honors had not been awarded at the time this program went to press. A complete list of award-winners can be found online at [kenyon.edu/honorsday](https://kenyon.edu/honorsday) (or scan code).

**Kenyon**