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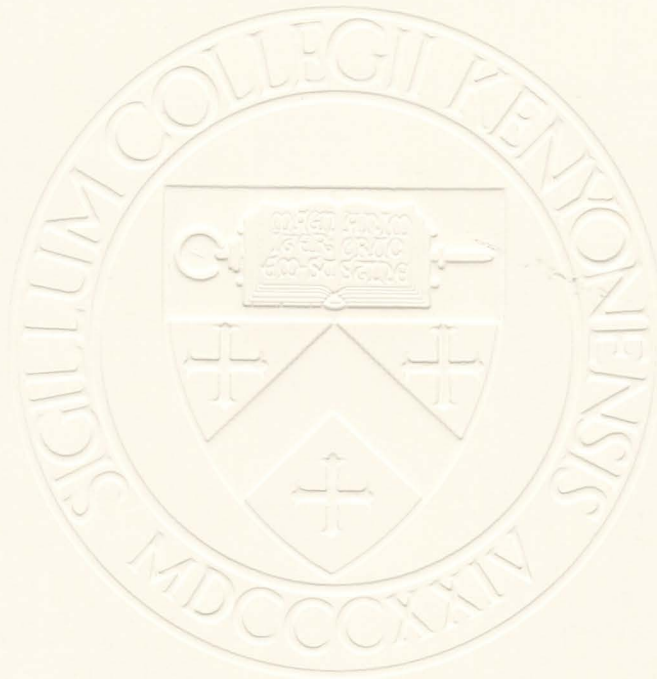
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Kenyon College



The
One Hundred Seventy-Second
Commencement

Samuel Mather Lawn
Ten Thirty O'clock, May Twentieth
Two Thousand



Program

Robert A. Oden Jr., *President, presiding*
Russell H. Batt, *Faculty Marshal*
Fred E. Baumann, *Secretary of the Faculty*

Senior Class Committee and Student Marshals

Trace Joseph Hancock, *President*

Noelle Ann Aiello, Austin Drew Barger, Samantha Lee Grover, Elisabeth Ann Hire,
Gelsey Paul Lynn, Peter Donald MacDowell, Kristin Ann Meister, Erika Elise Prahll,
Joanna Lauren Radnor, Emily Elizabeth Robichaud, Andrew Spencer Rushing,
David William Shearer, Zachary Kress Turner

THE PROCESSIONAL

The Scioto Brass Ensemble
Joseph Burke, Miranda Burke, Daniel King,
Tony Philipp, *trumpets*;
Carol Brulotte, Lorree Ridenbaugh, *horns*;
Todd Cunningham, David King, *trombones*;
Ray Spillman, Tony Zilincik, *tubas*

THE INVOCATION

The Reverend Stephen E. Carlsen
Rector of Harcourt Parish
Director, Board of Campus Ministries

WELCOME

Robert A. Oden Jr.
President of Kenyon College

THE CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

THE ADDRESS

Robert Pinsky
Poet Laureate of the United States

ANNOUNCEMENT

Members of the Class of 2000
elected to membership in Beta Chapter of Ohio
of Phi Beta Kappa

Robert E. Bennett
Professor of Classics

RINGING OF THE CHAPEL BELLS

Kokosing Farewell

Old Kenyon, we are like Kokosing
Obedient to some strange spell
Which urges us from all reposing;
Farewell, Old Kenyon, fare thee well.

THE RECESSIONAL

The Scioto Brass Ensemble

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2000

Ronald A. Sharp
Provost

Donald J. Omahan
Dean of Students

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

and the

AWARDING OF THE DIPLOMAS OF THE COLLEGE

President Oden

Fred E. Baumann
*Professor of Political Science
and Secretary of the Faculty*

Kathy J. Krynski
*Himmelright Associate Professor of Economics
and Associate Provost*

Cheryl L. Steele
Associate Dean of Students

REMARKS

Introduction by Cheryl L. Steele
Associate Dean of Students

Trace Joseph Hancock
President of the Class of 2000

CLOSING WORDS TO THE CLASS OF 2000

President Oden

THE BENEDICTION

The Reverend Mr. Carlsen

HONORARY DEGREES

Doctor of Letters

Richard Rodriguez
Writer and journalist

Presented by Linda Metzler
Professor of Spanish

Reader, writer, man of reflection, hoarder of the pleasures of learning: you, Richard Rodriguez, honor us today by returning to Gambier's hill. On your last visit, when asked, "Why doesn't America listen to its writers?" you replied, "America doesn't read." But perhaps America does, for in your audience were Americans who—separated by ethnic and class background, ideology, speech—momentarily embraced a common identity as readers of your work. *Hunger for Memory*, your Augustinian yet deeply lyrical autobiography, charts your emergence from shy Spanish-speaking son of Mexican immigrant parents to confident speaker and writer of English. It shows how, painfully, the scholarship boy made middle-class by his education comes to use English to reject the "minority" label pinned to him during the 1960s. In your more recent work—*Days of Obligation: An Argument with My Mexican Father*, as well as your print and television essays—you turn your gaze outward and show us that America isn't what we thought it was, nor are we ourselves. Here is the Mexican Indian, subject of the conqueror's gaze, who perpetrates the defiance of looking at those who would render him invisible; here are the immigrants who, arriving in waves, arouse in immigrant-founded, middle-class America the fear usually reserved for natural disasters; here are the family planners who would hold life's profusion at bay; here are the childless homosexuals who restore domesticity to a decaying Victorian neighborhood; here is the California schoolteacher dying of AIDS who chides America for refusing to consort with life. Ultimately, it is an invitation to consort with life—to embrace what is perishable before it is gone forever—that your work most movingly extends. For this invitation that you toil in language to craft, we, your Kenyon readers, thank you today.

Doctor of Science

Kathryn D. Sullivan
President and Chief Executive Officer of COSI

Presented by Timothy S. Sullivan
Associate Professor of Physics

Kathryn Sullivan, your life has epitomized that of an explorer. Aquanaut and astronaut, you have been on the deep ocean floor, and you were on the crew that set an altitude record for the space shuttle. A graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz, with a Ph.D. in geology from Dalhousie University, you were selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1978 to be among the first crew members of the space shuttle. Logging more

than twenty-two days in space during three shuttle missions, you helped deploy the Hubble telescope, which has dramatically expanded our vision of the universe; you helped pioneer the use of remote sensing instruments that provide us with a global vision of our common home, Earth; and you became the first American woman to "walk in space." Later, as the chief scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, you managed research and technology programs devoted to a greater understanding of Earth's climate and ecology. Our high esteem for explorers, though, stems not so much from the new vistas they have seen as from the new vistas they bring to us. You have brought those vistas home to us through your work in education. You led the design of the Challenger Learning Center program, which provides hands-on science experiences for youth. You have been the advisor for numerous exhibits under the auspices of the National Geographic Society, the Smithsonian Institution, and other cultural organizations. Finally, since 1996 you have served as president and chief executive officer of the Center of Science and Industry, the science education center in Columbus. For exemplifying all that is best about being an explorer, we honor you today.

Doctor of Science

Russell H. Batt
Professor of Chemistry

Presented by John K. Lutton
Professor of Chemistry

Scientist, educator, and colleague, you have achieved much on behalf of Kenyon and the science of chemistry. You have served this college loyally and well for thirty-two years. Having taught both in the chemistry department and, for seven years, in the Integrated Program in Humane Studies, you have demonstrated that you are equally adept at discussing the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle and Melville's *Moby Dick*. In an age of increasing academic specialization, you represent a truly liberal educator. As a chemical educator, moreover, you have performed services to science education extending far beyond this campus. You were a pioneer in the use of computers in chemical education, having served for a decade as the editor of a feature series in the *Journal of Chemical Education* that focused on the use of computers as a teaching tool in the classroom. For a decade, you also served on an advisory committee for the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Education. In the Kenyon classroom, you have inspired numerous students with your curiosity and intellectual honesty. You have led generations of Kenyon students through the challenges, inspiration, and beauty of quantum mechanics and thermodynamics. As a scientist, you have devoted your research to an understanding of the fundamental nature of molecular structure and chemical reactivity using quantum mechanical principles, resulting in numerous publications and national presentations. Most recently, your research has focused on

quantum mechanical calculations of transition states, using supercomputers at Ohio State University. For your years of loyalty and service to this college and your accomplishments as a scholar and educator, Kenyon is privileged to honor you today.

Doctor of Fine Arts

Margaret S. Patton
Professor of Dance and Drama

Presented by Harlene Marley
Professor of Drama

Maggie Patton, teacher, choreographer, dancer, director, friend, wife, mother, good cook: in 1973, when a group of enterprising Kenyon students led the administration and faculty to add dance to the curriculum, we found you to teach Kenyon's first dance classes and to produce its first dance concert. After founding Kenyon's dance program, you left for a few years to direct your own dance company, Dancentral, and to choreograph for the Chautauqua Opera Company. You returned to Kenyon in 1982, where you taught the entire dance

curriculum, choreographed for and directed all dance concerts, and coordinated all the activities of the dance program. At the same time, you served as choreographer and director for the Ohio Light Opera Company, the Columbus Light Opera, Ohio State University, Opera Columbus, and dance and opera companies across the country. The Ohio Arts Council awarded you two Choreographers' Fellowships. In 1995, your work was recognized with Kenyon's Distinguished Teaching Award. That work lives in the bodies and hearts of hundreds of Kenyon students, many of whom are themselves dancers, choreographers, teachers, and arts administrators, and all of whom are amateurs in the true sense—lovers of dance. In your putative retirement, you direct for the Columbus Light Opera as well as Opera Columbus. Kenyon sends you into these new endeavors with good wishes voiced by Shakespeare:

When you do dance, I wish you
A wave o' the sea, that you might ever do
Nothing but that; move still, still so,
And own no other function: each your doing,
So singular in each particular,
Crowns what you are doing in the present deeds,
That all your acts are queens.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Fatin Sadiqah Abdal-Sabur, *French** +
 Paulette Marie Adams, *Spanish*
 Christian David Friedrich Agricola, *Anthropology*
 Noelle Ann Aiello, *Mathematics*
 Eliza Kathryn Andrews, *History*
 Kristopher James Armstrong, *English, Drama*
 Rebecca Ainsworth Arneson, *Drama, English*
 Amanda Jane Arrick, *English*
 Emily Reed Atwood, *Honors in History**
 Benjamin Douglas Bagocius, *magna cum laude, English**
 Paige Elizabeth Baldwin, *English*
 Austin Drew Barger, *Political Science*
 Liza Marie Barry, *Economics*
 Timothy Jay Bearman, *Political Science*
 Claire Katherine Beckett, *cum laude, Anthropology*
 Margaret Blythe Beeler, *cum laude, Neuroscience*
 Gwendolyn Anne Beetham, *English**
 Brooke Elaine Benaroya, *Religion*
 Katherine Anne Bennett, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in English**
 Deborah Ann Benson, *magna cum laude, Philosophy*, English**
 Christopher Buhler Berendt, *Synoptic Major: Environmental Studies with Political and Social Awareness*
 Jessica Adelaide Berretto, *cum laude, Classics**
 Julia Lee Beynon, *cum laude, Studio Art**
 Clay Palmer Bidwell, *Economics, History*
 Paul Richard Bienstock, *Economics*
 Kathleen Suzanne Birck, *magna cum laude, Neuroscience*
 Trevor Adam Bishop, *cum laude, English, Drama*
 Rebecca Aline Bladen, *Political Science*
 Aloyse Melissa Blair, *Studio Art, English*
 Melanie Ann Blakeslee, *cum laude, Psychology*
 Leon Patrick Francis Blanche, *Political Science*
 Andrew Stanislaus Blejwas, *English, Religion*
 Evan Hale Bliss, *English*
 Emily Anne Blumenthal, *Anthropology*
 Andrew James Bobick, *Biology*
 Beth Anne Bogner, *cum laude, Spanish**
 Gavin Delaney Bogosian, *magna cum laude, International Studies**
 Darrick Fredrick Bollinger, *Economics*
 Kerry Elizabeth Bowler, *magna cum laude, High Honors in International Studies**
 Daniel Wesley Bowles, *summa cum laude, Highest Honors in Molecular Biology*, Music*
 Devin Combs Bowles, *cum laude, Honors in Anthropology*
 Edward Luke Bradbury, *English*
 John Henry Brennen IV, *Psychology, in absentia*
 Sarah Scott Brett, *Honors in Synoptic Major*: Medieval and Renaissance Studies*
 Carrie Leigh Brueck, *cum laude, Dance**
 Peter Olaf Bruland, *summa cum laude, High Honors in Political Science* +*
 Caitlyn Sarah Burroughs, *Studio Art*
 Andrew Ryan Burton, *Political Science*
 Christina Samantha Bush, *Highest Honors in Biology**
 Joshua Trent Connor Calkins, *Music*
 Cheri Ann Camacho, *cum laude, Neuroscience* +*
 Elissa Baker Carleton, *Psychology*

Jessica Teresa Carney, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Biochemistry* +*
 Scott Gibson Carney, *English, Sociology**
 Kelly Kristina Castellon, *cum laude, English, Anthropology +*
 Renée Suzanne Celiberti, *Political Science*
 Emily Katherine Chambers, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Religion*
 Vanessa C. Chan, *Political Science**
 Aafreen Dossu Chanduwadia, *Psychology*
 Vanessa Keeley Chen, *Studio Art*
 Anna Harrison Child, *Anthropology*
 Alissa Christine Clark, *cum laude, English*
 William Paul Clifford, *cum laude, Synoptic Major: Environmental Science and Sustainable Development*
 Christina Catherine Close, *Psychology*
 Erica Collins-Werner, *Studio Art*
 Justin Mathews Conn, *Music*
 Christopher O'Callaghan Cook, *cum laude, High Honors in English**
 James William Cook, *Chemistry, Philosophy*
 Sarah Elizabeth Coombs, *magna cum laude, English**
 Zachary Robert Cooper, *Sociology*
 Amy Anne Crist, *magna cum laude, Studio Art**
 Bonnie Eleanor Crocker, *cum laude, English*
 Caroline Foster Cronholm, *English*
 Anne Madeleine Crosby, *Sociology**
 Kurt Maybury Cross, *Economics*
 Caitlin Monica Crum, *Studio Art*
 Caryn Charlotte Cuthbert, *Economics*
 Jessica Ryan Daniels, *English**
 Elissa Lynn David, *magna cum laude, English*
 Michael Patrick Davis, *cum laude, Religion*
 Peter Anthony De Niro, *summa cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures**
 Cherish Hope Deater, *cum laude, High Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures, Studio Art*
 Michael Barrett Delclos, *Political Science**
 Jacques David Delori, *Philosophy*
 Kelly Shaunte Denson, *History*
 Ryan Charles Depew, *cum laude, Physics*
 Rashi Dhanda, *English**
 Jennifer Marie Di Lisi, *Sociology*
 Megan Elizabeth Dieterich, *Neuroscience*
 Kelly Patricia Dillon, *Psychology*
 John Adams Dix Jr., *Sociology*
 Holly Lynn Dombkowski, *Studio Art*
 Holly Lynn Donahue, *summa cum laude, Religion**
 Rebecca Lee Donaldson, *magna cum laude, Psychology**
 James Michael Downing, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Philosophy**
 Aaron Grant Downs, *Biology, Philosophy*
 Stephany Sue Dunmyer, *cum laude, Highest Honors in Psychology**
 Genevieve Eleanor Dunne, *Sociology*
 Nicholas Alexander Durlacher, *Economics*
 Brian Conor Eagleton, *English*
 Jessica Rose Edwards, *magna cum laude, Neuroscience*
 Christopher Neal Enright, *Economics*
 David Anthony Enright, *Economics*

Naomi Raquel Enright, *Anthropology*
 Nathan Francis Erickson, *Psychology*
 Alison Jill Esposito, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Psychology**
 Cleoanne Bompat Estrera, *Psychology*
 Seth Williams Fangboner, *Psychology*
 Shannon Marie Farney, *Drama, English*
 Erika Nicole Feldman, *magna cum laude, Political Science*
 Victoria Boyer Fellingham, *Anthropology*
 Nicholas Rome Ferraro, *Physics*
 Maggie Jean Fielding, *Psychology*
 Ellen Shoshannah Finkelman, *magna cum laude, English*
 Dawn Renee Fiorelli, *Economics*
 John Colin Fisher, *English*
 Jonathan Peter Flaherty, *Political Science*
 Pierce John Flanigan IV, *English*
 William Wallerich Fletcher, *Honors in Biology*
 Meghean Elizabeth Foley, *Political Science*
 Elizabeth Ehren Fox, *Psychology*
 Ariel Kate Friedman, *Art History*
 Poppy Ann Fry, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in History* +*
 Sara Gale Gage, *Neuroscience*
 Clayton McLane Gahan, *English**
 David Samuel Gargill, *English, Political Science*
 Alison Anne Garrison, *English*
 Colby Mark Genrich, *Biology*
 John Karl Geschwindt, *Sociology*
 Selamawit Gilagaber, *Economics*
 Colleen Megan Gildea, *Art History*
 Timothy Ford Gillett, *International Studies*
 Amanda Kay Gilvin, *magna cum laude, English*
 Rebecca Danielle Gold, *English*
 Rachel Tillie Goldberg, *cum laude, High Honors in English**
 Seth Thomas Golden, *English*
 Jessica Diane Goldman, *magna cum laude, History*
 Katie Eileen Gottschall, *cum laude, Sociology*
 Heather Lynn Graber, *Psychology*
 Ashley Suzanne Grable, *Political Science*
 Elizabeth Ann Gray, *Economics*
 Evangeline Wilmot Gray, *Political Science*
 Charles S.A. Green, *cum laude, Honors in English**
 John Michael Green, *cum laude, English, Religion**
 Valerie Lane Green, *cum laude, Classics**
 Emily Anne Grillo, *Art History*
 Miriam Julia Gross, *English*
 Samantha Lee Grover, *cum laude, English**
 Charlotte Mary Haas, *Psychology*
 Mitchell Meade Haas, *Philosophy*
 Eric Carl Hakeman, *Economics, History*
 Sara Kristen Halicki, *magna cum laude, History*
 Sarah Blair Hall, *English**
 Lorie Michele Hancock, *Political Science**
 Trace Joseph Hancock, *Economics*
 William Harmon Handorf, *magna cum laude, Economics**
 Vera Marie Hapiak, *Biology*
 Nicole Elisabeth Harbauer, *cum laude, Honors in Political Science*
 Robert Lee Harvey III, *Sociology, in absentia*
 Molly Rebecca Hatcher, *Psychology*
 Mark Stephen Haufrect, *cum laude, Honors in International Studies*
 Benjamin David Pryor Hawk, *Drama*

Allison Hawkins, *magna cum laude, Art History, Studio Art**
 Ann Elizabeth Hebert, *English*
 Jed William Henry, *magna cum laude, Biochemistry*
 Caarin Hertzwig, *International Studies*
 Cintia Heliadora de Castro Higuchi, *Economics*
 Samuel Hunt Hillier, *Economics*
 Burke Patrick Hilsabeck, *cum laude, English*
 Elisabeth Ann Hire, *English*
 Bryan Thomas Hissong, *magna cum laude, High Honors in History**
 Kate Bouldin Hitchcock, *Honors in Synoptic Major: Education as an Equalizer*
 Edward Blanchard Hodge III, *English*
 David Robrich Hoffman, *Political Science*
 Sarah Erin Holmes, *Philosophy*
 Michael Altman Holter, *English*
 Gillian Jane Zuleika Houghton, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in English**
 David Aaron Houston, *Economics*
 Lauren Gilbert Howerton, *Psychology*
 Emily Elizabeth Huigens, *cum laude, High Honors in English*, Neuroscience +*
 Karen Margaret Hurley, *English*
 John Douglas Idoine III, *magna cum laude, Honors in Economics*
 Kimberly Jean Irion, *Drama, Synoptic Major: Environmental Studies*
 Alex Edward Jablonski, *magna cum laude, English*
 Mary Margaret Jacobsen, *Dance*
 Robert Nathaniel Johnson, *Religion*
 Candice Marie Jones, *Psychology*
 Samantha Beth Jones, *International Studies, Spanish*
 Rummi Joshi, *Psychology*
 Joseph Andrew Jurkowitz, *History*
 Gretchen Anne Kaluzny, *Psychology*
 Amanda Louise Kasten, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in History**
 Aleta Pangborn Katra, *magna cum laude, Neuroscience*
 Benjamin Travis Keene, *Anthropology*
 Courtney Elizabeth Keene, *magna cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Rachel Diane Kelley, *Drama*
 Simon Benjamin Laslie Kellman, *Studio Art*
 Scott Michael Kenemore, *cum laude, Honors in English**
 Rebecca Jeanne Kent, *English, Political Science*
 Nebojsa Kesic, *Economics*
 Sheldon Alan Kimber, *cum laude, High Honors in Economics* +*
 Jung-yul Yu Kimbrell, *magna cum laude, Studio Art*
 Jeb Daniel King, *Spanish, Studio Art*
 Mary Elizabeth Kinner, *cum laude, Molecular Biology, Spanish*
 James Scott Kogut, *History*
 Jennifer Kristen Kozak, *Biology*
 Elizabeth Kreisler, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Jason Adam Krome, *Political Science*
 Christiane Lynn Kubit, *magna cum laude, Honors in Molecular Biology*
 Andrew Charles Kureth, *cum laude, English*
 Aleksandr Valeryevich Kvasov, *Political Science*
 Kathleen Monica Lai, *History*
 Emily Anne Leachman, *English*
 Rachel Irene Leber, *Synoptic Major: Socio-Politics and the Environment*
 Michael Morgan LeConey Jr., *High Honors in History*

Christel Woojin Lee, *magna cum laude*, *Philosophy* +
 Jonathan Kenji Leibowitz, *Synoptic Major**: *American Studies*:
The Artist Radical
 Adam Benjamin Levine, *English**
 Cara Megan Lewis, *cum laude*, *Studio Art**
 Michael Sexton Lewis, *magna cum laude*, *Political Science**
 Stephen Wai-Lee Lian, *Psychology*
 Ryan Andrew Light, *cum laude*, *English*, *Sociology**
 Geoffrey Alexander Long, *cum laude*, *Philosophy*, *English*
 Alexander Joseph Lourie, *cum laude*, *History*
 Amanda Irene Loy, *magna cum laude*, *Synoptic Major*:
Comparative Gender Linguistics
 Gabrielle Rowett Luebke, *English*
 Gelsey Paul Lynn, *magna cum laude*, *Molecular Biology*
 Bradford William Lystra, *History*
 Peter Donald MacDowell, *Psychology*
 Thomas Eugene Magers, *Mathematics*, *Economics*
 Kristine Denise Maier, *Synoptic Major**: *American Studies*:
Consumer Culture, a Case Study in Coffee
 Lonnie Darnell Cecil Manns, *cum laude*, *Psychology*, *English**
 Emily Hamma Martin, *cum laude*, *Studio Art**
 Laura Michelle Marx, *summa cum laude*, *Biology** +
 Joshua Aaron Mason, *Physics*
 Lauren Ariel Matthews, *English*
 Erik Christian Mazur, *magna cum laude*, *Molecular Biology*
 Sunshine Ann McBride, *Sociology*
 Page Roberts McCarley, *Psychology*
 Kevin Sean McFadden, *cum laude*, *High Honors in Music**,
English
 Erin Leigh McIntyre, *cum laude*, *Political Science*, *Economics*
 Colin Peter McLearn, *cum laude*, *Honors in Philosophy**, *Music*
 Kristin Ann Meister, *magna cum laude*, *Political Science*,
English
 Meredith Jean Methlie, *cum laude*, *English*
 Martha Nancy Miers, *cum laude*, *History*
 Charles Berkeley Miller, *English*
 Sarah Carlotta Miller, *cum laude*, *Political Science* +
 Vanessa C. Miller-Sims, *High Honors in Biology*
 Ian Ross Millhiser, *Philosophy*
 Sarah Ramsdell Mills, *English*
 Rebecca Anne Milusich, *Sociology*
 Alexander Aeneas Minard, *Honors in Political Science*
 Gary Thomas Mitchell, *summa cum laude*, *High Honors in*
*Economics**, *Mathematics** +
 Baharak Moallem, *Psychology**
 Siiri Christina Morley, *cum laude*, *International Studies**
 Michael Andrew Moses, *Psychology*
 Jaidev Murti, *Economics*, *in absentia*
 Michelle Marie Nameth, *Sociology*
 Daniel Asher Nemiroff, *History*
 Nicole Katherine Nesser, *cum laude*, *Chemistry*
 Daniel Patrick Nickerson, *magna cum laude*, *Biology** +
 Ian Abraham Nickey, *Political Science*
 Alynna Kristen Nielsen, *cum laude*, *Anthropology**
 Suzanne Renee Nienaber, *magna cum laude*, *Sociology**
 Alexander Brooke Notides, *International Studies*
 Susan Elizabeth Oman, *Psychology*
 Samuel Laurence Ottenhoff, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in*
*History**
 Jordan Elizabeth Parker, *Synoptic Major*: *Cultural*
Environmental Ecology
 John Bartholomew Pecorak II, *Neuroscience*

Carolyn Marie Pellecchia, *Neuroscience*
 Renée L. Peltz, *magna cum laude*, *Psychology**
 Annika Lin Pfaender, *cum laude*, *Drama*, *English*
 Andrew Hunter Phillips, *Anthropology*
 Judith Marie Phillips, *summa cum laude*, *High Honors in*
*Chemistry** +
 Dartesia Ayonna Pitts, *History**
 Lawrence Benjamin Pomeroy, *Anthropology*
 Jennifer Marie Porter, *English*
 Patricia Suzanne Powell, *Anthropology*
 Shelley Renee Powers, *English*
 Erika Elise Prael, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Lauren Elizabeth Prince, *magna cum laude*, *International*
Studies +
 Brian Wilmer Puckett, *Philosophy*
 Joanna Lauren Radnor, *magna cum laude*, *Religion*
 James Douglass Ray, *English*
 Beko Osiris Ra Reblitz-Richardson, *summa cum laude*, *Highest*
Honors in Religion
 Sarah Walsh Reder, *Studio Art*
 Elisabeth Divine Reid, *Sociology*, *French*
 Jessica Katherine Rhines, *cum laude*, *Sociology*
 Carolina Sherman Richardson, *Art History*
 Allison Averil Riley, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in*
Spanish
 Jane Rae Rini, *International Studies*
 Emily Elizabeth Robichaud, *English*
 Matthew Lidfors Robinson, *Drama*, *English*
 Elizabeth Nicole Roche, *History*, *English*
 Ted Conant Rogers, *magna cum laude*, *Physics**, *Mathematics**
 Heather Bess Ronis, *Religion*
 Joshua Evan Rosenfeld, *International Studies*
 Alexander William Ross, *High Honors in History*
 Pilar Beth Rubin, *cum laude*, *Art History**, *French**
 Andrew Spencer Rushing, *Economics*
 Michelle Marie Salisbury, *Biology*
 Jared Michael Saltman, *Drama*
 Taryn Frances Sargent, *Studio Art*
 Anne Grinstead Schneider, *Economics*
 Joseph Daniel Schuermeyer, *Biology*
 Grant Sanford Schulert, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in*
Molecular Biology
 Kenneth James Schultz, *English*, *Drama*
 Keith Hungerford Scott, *English**
 Noah Breton Seferian, *Honors in History*, *Political Science*
 Rebecca Griese Shattuck, *Anthropology*
 David William Shearer, *magna cum laude*, *English*, *Economics*
 Charles Kersey Sheldon, *Philosophy*
 James Thomas Sheridan, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in*
*English**
 Maraleen Danai Shields, *Philosophy*, *Political Science* +
 Laura Elizabeth Shults, *Studio Art*
 Veronica Elaine Simms, *Drama*
 Gerald William Slevin, *Studio Art*
 Anne Marie Smetak, *Political Science*
 Benjamin Sterrett Smith, *Religion*
 Caroline Smitherman, *summa cum laude*, *High Honors in*
Modern Languages and Literatures
 Gregory Gannon Stephenson, *Physics*
 Paul Winchester Stinson, *Sociology*, *in absentia*
 Adam Chittenden Stone, *English*
 Mitchell McEwan Swaggert, *English*

Audrey Ann Swanstrom, *English*, *Art History*
 Seth Jacob Rogers Swihart, *Sociology*
 Michael James Tabacco, *Religion*
 Jessica Laura Talling, *cum laude*, *Psychology*
 Ezra Aaron Taxel, *Anthropology*
 Neal James Sanborn Teague, *cum laude*, *Political Science*
 Abigail Temple, *Mathematics*
 Luke James Testa, *Political Science*
 James Michael Thompson, *Art History*
 Sonja Ruth Thomsen, *Biology*, *Studio Art*
 Anthony Leon Togliatti, *cum laude*, *Biology*
 Daniel Philip Torday, *cum laude*, *English**
 Joseph Daniel Touschner, *cum laude*, *High Honors in History*
 Marela Trejo Zacarias, *Synoptic Major**: *Social Movements*
through Art and Religion
 Aaron Thomas Truby, *magna cum laude*, *English**
 Zachary Kress Turner, *Political Science*
 Anne Elizabeth Tyrrell, *Anthropology*
 Douglas Duffield Vaskas, *History*
 Helen Elizabeth Veit, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in*
*History**, *English**
 Alea Ruth Vorillas, *English*
 Catherine Esther Wagner, *cum laude*, *Honors in History*
 Brandon Lee Walker, *cum laude*, *International Studies*
 Andrew Gilmartin Wallace, *Political Science*
 Charles Martin Walsh, *Music*

Jane Christine Ward, *Psychology*, *Economics*
 Alix Mallet-Prevost Warner, *English*
 Emily Louise Warren, *German*
 Andrew Tice Washburn, *History*
 Leah Rogers Wedul, *Psychology**
 Jeremy Louis Weinman, *Economics*
 Jonathan Gifford West, *Economics*
 Caleb Henry Wheeler, *History*
 Rebecca Ann White, *Religion*
 Peter Hobart Wickline, *English*, *Sociology**
 Molly Amelia Willow, *cum laude*, *Honors in Modern*
Languages and Literatures, *English*
 Mark Vincent Wilson, *magna cum laude*, *Honors in Chemistry*
 Erin Elizabeth Wimmers, *summa cum laude*, *High Honors in*
*Chemistry** +
 Walter William Winnicki III, *magna cum laude*, *Chemistry*,
*Economics**
 Denise Suzanne Wong, *English**, *Anthropology*
 Crosby Wood, *Economics*, *in absentia*
 Lindsey Dudley Yurgine, *Art History*
 John Arthur Zahl, *Philosophy*
 Stan V. Zhukarev, *Economics*

* Senior Exercise passed with distinction
 + Kenyon Honor Scholar

Notes

Kenyon Honor Scholars (indicated by a +) have been awarded competitive merit scholarships by the College as entering students. Recipients of these scholarships are chosen on the basis of demonstrated academic achievement, leadership ability, and community involvement.

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 program is individually designed by the student to meet his or her special interests and includes work in two or more departments. It requires satisfactory completion of one senior exercise.

Honors at Graduation

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

3.45-3.64, *cum laude*;
 3.65-3.84, *magna cum laude*;
 3.85 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.

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.

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 one hundred sixty 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.

Flags on Display

Kenyon students represent an increasingly diverse international population. This year thirty-seven individuals left their homelands and traveled thousands of miles to study here, on the Hill in Gambier. The Class of 2000 includes

graduates from Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Nepal, Ukraine, and Yugoslavia. We honor these international students by displaying some of their nations' flags on the Commencement platform today.

**DEGREES AND AWARDS
CONFERRED AT HONORS DAY, APRIL 13, 2000**

Outstanding Kenyon students and faculty members, along with three distinguished graduates, were recognized at the College's annual Honors Day Convocation on April 13.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Allison B. Janney '82, for her wide-ranging accomplishments as an actor; David D. Taft '60, chief operating officer of the Landec Corporation, for his achievements in research management and his service to the College; and Matthew A. Winkler '77, editor-in-chief of Bloomberg News, for his distinguished career in journalism.

In addition, two faculty members were awarded \$15,000 each as recipients of the 2000 Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards. Recognized for their superior work were Assistant Professor of Classics Carolin B. Hahnemann and Professor of History Roy T. Wortman.

Unless otherwise noted, those students listed as award and prize winners are members of the Class of 2000.

Fellowship and Awards

National Recognition

Beimecke Scholarship
Kelly Marie Duke, Class of 2001

Fulbright Teaching Fellowship
Cherish Hope Deater

Fulbright Research Fellowship
Holly Lynn Donahue

The Thomas J. Watson Fellowship
Benjamin Douglas Bagocius

Kenyon Fellowships and Scholarship
Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies
Elissa Lynn David
Alexander Joseph Lourie

Ohio Board of Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship
Jed William Henry

Eppa Rixey III Memorial Scholarship
Aaron Charles Hamilton, Class of 2001

Honors Scholars
Class of 2003
Allison Jennifer Artman
Matthew Robert Buckley
Matthew Arturo Cabrera
Caitlin Lorraine Chun-Kennedy
Donerall Reginald Deadwyler
Joel Diaz
Brian Thomas Foster
Shoshana Esther Froman
Nathan Nozomi Hara
Veronica Esses Hauad
Katherine Elizabeth Holland
Nia Imara
Meredith Reiko Ishida
Michael Jonathan Keefe
Daniel Christopher Kieper
Tatyana Alexandrovna Klimova
Benjamin Andrew Kowalski
Gwen Bree Ockenlaender

Jerrilyn LaRoy Page
Diego Felipe Panqueva Barajas
Brian Louis Poulin
Ann Marie Racek
Gregory Alan Remaly
Ashley Jo Rowatt
Lindsay Marie Sabik
Jessica Rose Sherman
Erin Brooke Shively
Samantha Novella Simpson
Carlos M. Vega
Bi Thi Vuong
Amy Shepherd Wagaman
Eric Jason Ward
Christine Jessica Yoon
Damon Adrian Young

Kenyon Summer Science Scholars

Meheret Selasse Birru, Class of 2002
Jessen Andrew Book, Class of 2001
Kevin Lawrence Corbus, Class of 2001
Madeleine Beata Courtney-Brooks, Class of 2002
Michael David DiMuzio, Class of 2001
Mark Patrick Foran, Class of 2001
Jennifer Lynn Fraley, Class of 2001
Lydia Marie Gordon, Class of 2002
Lisa Marie Groesz, Class of 2001
Mary Elizabeth Hanna, Class of 2003
Lauren Juanita Hines, Class of 2001
Neala Janet Eleanor Kendall, Class of 2001
Seena Susan Mathew, Class of 2002
Whitney Elizabeth Meno, Class of 2001
Abigail Ann Mitchell, Class of 2001
Nkululeko Moyo, Class of 2002
Abby Elizabeth Rokosch, Class of 2002
Micah Sean Walsh Schamis, Class of 2001
Conor Joseph Sheehy, Class of 2002
Erica Debora Silen, Class of 2002
Adrienne Dean Skrzypek, Class of 2002
Dorothy Clare Tessman, Class of 2001
Jada Renee Twedt, Class of 2001
William St. Clair Wade, Class of 2001
Andrea Raymond Wallace, Class of 2001
William Joseph Ward, Class of 2001
Sarah Lillian Wasserman, Class of 2003
Nicole Marie Watson, Class of 2001
Shana Nicole West, Class of 2002
Joshua Childs White, Class of 2001
Christine Jessica Yoon, Class of 2003

McGregor Summer Research Scholars

Aimee Lynne Carlson, Class of 2001
James Jason Greenwood, Class of 2002
Jennifer Claire Lawton, Class of 2001
Karen Louise Shanton, Class of 2002
David Fredric Smydra, Class of 2001
Stephanie Marie Sorge, Class of 2001

Departmental Prizes

Anthropology-Sociology

The George Herbert Mead Award
Suzanne Renee Nienaber

The Margaret Mead Award
Victoria Boyer Fellingham

The Olof Palme Award
Scott Gibson Carney
Denise Suzanne Wong

Art

Margaret E. Leslie Prize in Drawing
Allison Hawkins
Jung-yul Kimbrell
Emily Hamma Martin
Gerald William Slevin

The Richard Kingan Liggitt Memorial Award in Art History
Allison Hawkins

The Peterson Printmaking Prize
Sonja Ruth Thomsen

The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award
Julia Lee Beynon
Amy Anne Crist
Cara Megan Lewis

The Wycoff A. Sword Memorial Prize in Sculpture
Laura Elizabeth Shults

Biology

The Biology Independent Study Prize
Colby Mark Genrich
Vanessa C. Miller-Sims

The Dorothy E. and Thomas C. Jegla Prize
Caroline Claire Spritzer, Class of 2002

The Maxwell Elliott Power Prize
Laura Michelle Marx

The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize
Daniel Wesley Bowles

The Biology Award for Outstanding Service to the Department
Jed William Henry

Chemistry

The American Chemical Society Award
Mark Vincent Wilson
Erin Elizabeth Wimmers

The American Chemical Society Junior Award
Katie Joyce Cook, Class of 2001

The Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award
Mary Elizabeth Hanna, Class of 2003
Ashley Jo Rowatt, Class of 2003

The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry
Judith Marie Phillips

Classics

The George L. Brain Prize
Jessica Adelaide Berretto
Valerie Lane Green

The Carl Diehl Prize
Celia Llopis, Class of 2002, *Latin*
Allison Catherine Boex, Class of 2003, *Greek*

Economics

The Paul Titus Economics Prize
Gary Thomas Mitchell

English

The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship
Caitlin Elizabeth Horrocks, Class of 2002

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Freshman Award
Lisa Miyako Sakai, Class of 2003

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Scholarship
Todd Berke Juengling, Class of 2001

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Memorial Prize
Emily Elizabeth Huigens
Helen Elizabeth Veit

The Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award
Katherine Anne Bennett

History

The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize
Isaac Philip Gilman, Class of 2003

The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize
Kelly Marie Duke, Class of 2001

Poppy Ann Fry
Helen Elizabeth Veit

The Stuart Rice McGowan Prize in American History
Andrew William Kahrl, Class of 2001

Integrated Program in Humane Studies

The Richard F. Hettlinger Award
Charles S.A. Green
Gretchen Anne Kaluzny
Simon Benjamin Laslie Kellman
Mary Elizabeth Kinner
Adam Benjamin Levine
Geoffrey Alexander Long
Ian Ross Millhiser
Ian Abraham Nicky
Audrey Ann Swanstrom
Michael James Tabacco

Mathematics

The Reginald B. Allen Prize
Ted Conant Rogers

The J.R. Butz Mathematics Prize
Andrew James Montgomery, Class of 2002

The Solomon R.S. Kasper Prize
Gary Thomas Mitchell

Modern Languages and Literatures

The Edward Harvey Prize
Pilar Beth Rubin

The Charles Singer Williams Prize in French
Janice E. Pour, Class of 2002
Caroline Smitherman

The Spanish Prize
Lauren Caldwell Newhouse, Class of 2001

The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize
Kristin Elizabeth Becknell, Class of 2002

The Italian Prize
Baharak Moallem

The Russian Prize
Cherish Hope Deater
James Holt McGavran III, Class of 2002

The Chinese Prize
Lauren Elizabeth Prince
Alys Louise Spensley, Class of 2001

The Japanese Prize
Brian Scott Goldman, Class of 2001

Music
The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award
in Music Performance
Meredith Lyn Eastman, Class of 1999

The David B. Perry Community Service Music Prize
Emily Anne Leachman
Joshua Aaron Mason
Charles Martin Walsh

The David B. Perry Senior Award in Music
Kevin Sean McFadden

Philosophy
The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize
James Michael Downing
Colin Peter McLearn

Physics
The Elbe H. Johnson Prize
Jesse McCune Gregory, Class of 2003

Political Science
The John Chesnut Memorial Prize
Peter Olaf Bruland

The Diamond-Storing Memorial Prize
William Norbert Federspiel, Class of 1999

Psychology
The Psychology Prize
Stephany Sue Dunmyer
Alison Jill Esposito

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

Religion
The Simpson Prize in Religion
Emily Katherine Chambers
Holly Lynn Donahue
Beko Osiris Ra Reblitz-Richardson

Women's and Gender Studies
The Molly R. Hatcher Prize in Women's and Gender Studies
Sarah Guillaume Belanger, Class of 2002
Abby Glennan Brethauer, Class of 2002
Sara Shailer Bumsted, Class of 2001
Caitlin Lorraine Chun-Kennedy, Class of 2003
Ann Elizabeth Hebert
John Peter Hurteau, Class of 2002
Shannon Kimberly Johnson, Class of 2001
Meredith Kyle Jossi, Class of 2002
Abigail Ann Mitchell, Class of 2001
Elizabeth Curtis Ray, Class of 2003
Laura Elizabeth Shults
Lucien Thomas Singer, Class of 2002

The Faculty Award for Distinguished Accomplishment

Poppy Ann Fry, for her work on religious change and the culture of politics along the southern African frontier

Honor Societies

Pi Sigma Alpha
Peter Olaf Bruland
Erika Nicole Feldman
Meghean Elizabeth Foley
Lorie Michele Hancock
Nicole Elisabeth Harbauer
David Robrich Hoffman
Michael Sexton Lewis
Erin Leigh McIntyre
Kristin Ann Meister
Sarah Carlotta Miller
Alexander Aeneas Minard
Noah Breton Seferian
Maraleen Danai Shields
Anne Marie Smetak
Neal James Sanbor Teague

Sigma Xi
Christian David Friedrich Agricola, *Anthropology*
Kathleen Suzanne Birck, *Neuroscience*
Daniel Wesley Bowles, *Molecular Biology*
Christiana Samantha Bush, *Biology*
Cheri Ann Camacho, *Neuroscience*
Jessica Teresa Carney, *Chemistry*
Anne Madeleine Crosby, *Sociology*
Ryan Charles Depew, *Physics*
Stephany Sue Dunmyer, *Psychology*
William Wallerich Fletcher, *Biology*
Christiane Lynn Kubit, *Molecular Biology*
Lonnie Darnell Cecil Manns, *Psychology*
Laura Michelle Marx, *Biology*
Vanessa C. Miller-Sims, *Biology*
Judith Marie Phillips, *Chemistry*
Ted Conant Rogers, *Physics*
Grant Sanford Schulert, *Molecular Biology*
Mark Vincent Wilson, *Chemistry*
Erin Elizabeth Wimmers, *Chemistry*

Sigma Iota Rho
Gavin Delaney Bogosian
Kerry Elizabeth Bowler
Mark Stephen Haufrect
Siiri Christina Morley
Lauren Elizabeth Prince
Joshua Evan Rosenfeld
Brandon Lee Walker

College Prizes

The George Gund Award
Kelly Marie Duke, Class of 2001
Sara Kristen Halicki

The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize
Megan Christine Anderegg, Class of 2001

The John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize
Deborah Ann Benson
Keith Hungerford Scott

The George B. Ogden Prize
Aaron Thomas Truby

The Academy of American Poetry Prize
Ann Maureen O'Reilly, Class of 2002

The Propper Prize for Poetry
Jeremy Allan Hawkins, Class of 2002

The Paul Newman Trophy
Kenneth James Schultz

The Joanne Woodward Trophy
Kimberly Jean Irion

The Ashford Memorial Award for Excellence in Dramatics
Annika Lin Pfaender

The James E. Michael Prize in Playwriting
Robert Francis Kundrat, Class of 2001

The Dance Prize
Carrie Leigh Brueck

The Robert J. Tomsich Science Awards
Daniel Wesley Bowles
Judith Marie Phillips

The Jess Willard Falkenstine Awards
Stephany Sue Dunmyer
Gelsey Paul Lynn

The William A. Long Memorial Award
Wendell and Miriam Lindstrom

The D. Morgan Smith Award
Elizabeth Ehren Fox

The Humanitarian Award
Kathleen Suzanne Birck

The Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award
Juan E. DePasquale, Associate Professor of Philosophy

The Doris B. Crozier Award
Shayla Renee Myers, Class of 2002

The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup
Kathleen Suzanne Birck

COMMENCEMENT 2000

Robert Pinsky, a distinguished poet who is serving his third term as poet laureate of the United States, will present the Commencement address at Kenyon's one hundred seventy-second Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 20.

The Commencement program will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the lawn of Samuel Mather Hall. (In the case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Ernst Center.) In addition to presenting diplomas to graduating seniors, Kenyon will confer honorary doctorates on journalist **Richard Rodriguez** and on **Kathryn D. Sullivan**, president and chief executive officer of COSI, a hands-on science learning center in Columbus, Ohio.

Joining them on stage to receive honorary degrees will be retiring faculty members **Russell H. Batt**, professor of chemistry, and **Margaret S. Patton**, professor of dance and drama. The College will also present bachelor's degrees to two deceased members of the Class of 2000: **Molly R. Hatcher**, who died in a van accident involving the Kenyon swimming teams in January of this year, and **Jeb D. King**, who died in July 1999 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Mexico.

On Friday, May 19, **Wendy MacLeod**, the College's James E. Michael Playwright-in-Residence and an associate professor of drama, will be the speaker at the Baccalaureate service at 1:30 p.m. on the Samuel Mather lawn. (The rain site is the Ernst Center.) A 1981 graduate of Kenyon, she is the author of several award-winning plays and a writer for the television series *Popular*. She will deliver a talk entitled "On Becoming a Nobody."

As poet laureate, Pinsky has won acclaim for initiating the Favorite Poem Project, in which Americans from all walks of life have shared poems they love and discussed why they love them. His own poetry includes *The Figured Wheel: New and Collected Poems 1965-1995* (1996), which received the Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize of the Academy of American Poets, the Ambassador Book Award of the English Speaking Union, and a nomination for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry. His translation, *The Inferno of Dante* (1994), became a best-seller and received the Harold Morton Landon Prize and the *Los Angeles Times* Book Award in poetry.

A professor in the graduate writing program at Boston University, Pinsky serves as poetry editor of the on-line journal *Slate*. He also is a contributor to the *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on PBS. In 1997, Kenyon awarded Pinsky an honorary degree.

Rodriguez's first book, *Hunger for Memory: The Education of Richard Rodriguez*, a poetic intellectual autobiography, is widely read in colleges and high schools, although it remains controversial for its criticism of affirmative action and bilingual education. His second book, *Days of Obligation: An Argument with My Mexican Father*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1993.

Rodriguez writes for newspapers, magazines, and television. Since 1988, he has been associate editor of the *Pacific News Service* in California. He is also a contributing editor for *Harper's* magazine, *U.S. News and World Report*, and the Sunday opinion section of the *Los Angeles Times*. His essays on the *NewsHour* have won an Emmy and the Peabody Medal.

Sullivan is a former astronaut who participated in three space-shuttle missions. During her first shuttle flight, in 1984, she became the first American woman to perform a space walk. In 1990, she flew on the mission that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope, and in 1992 she was the payload commander for the ATLAS-1 Spacelab mission.

Prior to joining COSI, she was the chief scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Sullivan is a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Batt has taught chemistry at Kenyon since 1968. One of his primary interests is the application of computer technology to teaching and research in chemistry. A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, he received his undergraduate degree at the University of Rochester and his doctorate from the University of California at Berkeley.

Patton, a member of the Kenyon faculty since 1982, is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a master's degree from Ohio State University. Her choreography has been featured in productions at the American College Dance Festival, Emory University, the Ohio Light Opera, and Ohio State, as well as at the College. Patton is a winner of Kenyon's Trustee Award for Distinguished Teaching.

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 1949, in the same location as today's exercises. The rainsite, then Wertheimer Fieldhouse, in recent years has been the Ernst Center.

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 last year, but the onslaught, with its eerie shrieking, didn't peak until after Commencement. Next invasion: 2016.

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 *Gulielmus* and Thomas was transcribed as *Thomam*.

Thomas B. Greenslade '31 H'76
Tabularius Collegii
(College Archivist, 1967-90)

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; 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—beefeater 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 the wearer received his or her degree. 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. Since there are several 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.), 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.