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Kenyon College

The One Hundred Eighty-Fourth Commencement

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

Program

S. Georgia Nugent, *President, presiding*
Kimmarré A. Murphy, *Faculty Marshal*
Joan L. Slonczewski, *Acting Secretary of the Faculty*

Processional

Scioto Brass Ensemble

Invocation

The Reverend Helen Svoboda-Barber
Rector, Harcourt Episcopal Parish

Welcome

S. Georgia Nugent
President of Kenyon College

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Jean Blacker
Presented by Mortimer M. Guiney

Aileen Carol Hefferren
Presented by Pamela K. Jensen

Michael Peter Levine
Presented by Linda M. Smolak

Remarks

Introduction by Henry P. Toutain
Dean of Students

Christian Alejandra Martínez-Canchola
President of the Class of 2012

Address

Aileen Hefferren
Chief Executive, Prep for Prep

Announcement

Members of the Class of 2012 elected to membership in
Beta Chapter of Ohio of Phi Beta Kappa

Robert Milnikel
Associate Professor of Mathematics

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.

Presentation of the Class of 2012

Nayef H. Samhat
Provost

Dean Toutain

Conferring of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Awarding of the Diplomas of the College

President Nugent

Joan L. Slonczewski
Professor of Biology

Ellen K. Harbourt
Registrar

A. Chris Kennerly
*Associate Dean of Students and Director of Multicultural
Affairs*

Closing Words to the Class of 2012

President Nugent

Benediction

Marc W. Bragin
Director, Kenyon College Hillel

Recessional

Scioto Brass Ensemble

Senior Class Committee

Christian Alejandra Martinez-Canchola, *President*
Kellyn Kristina Caldwell
Katherine Ryan English
Trevor Wayne Ezell
Bettina Hedwig Hahn-Lawson
John Taber Honey-Fitzgerald
Rachel Ann Keller
Samantha Jean Kettering
Daniel Jacob Levy
Ryan Isaac Motevalli-Oliner
Nikola Popovic
Samantha Lynn Rojas
Daniel Joseph Rooker
August James Steigmeyer
Luke Michael Sullivan
Zachary David Turk
Dana Lillian Warren
James Corvin Whitacre
Aaron Justin Yeoh

Other Participants

Marshals

Kimmarie A. Murphy, Senior Marshal
Associate Professor of Anthropology
Adrienne A. Amador '09,
Assistant Director of Admissions
Kathleen S. Charles,
Head Women's Volleyball Coach
Erin B. Ciarimboli,
Director of New Student Orientation and Community Programs
Scott D. Cummings,
Professor of Chemistry
Haruhiko Itagaki,
Professor of Biology
B. Noble Jones '97,
Associate Director of Admissions
Erin E. O'Neill '02,
Head Softball Coach
Sam Pack,
Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Jami E. Peelle,
Faculty Grants and Fellowships Coordinator
Wade H. Powell,
Associate Professor of Biology
Abigail M.W. Serfass,
Associate Managing Editor, The Kenyon Review
Paula C. Turner,
Associate Professor of Physics
Tobias W. Uecker,
Assistant Director of Housing and Residential Life

Hood Marshals

James A. Steen P'01,'04,
Head Men's Swimming Coach
Elizabeth Ransom Forman '73,
Senior Associate Director of Admissions
Venetta "Tacci" Smith,
Associate Dean of Students
Samantha J. Hughes,
Director, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Flagbearers

Daniel Chukuemeka Akuma, Class of 2014
Rebecca Claire Katzman, Class of 2014
Faith Blanche McDuffie, Class of 2013
Elizabeth Grace Panhorst, Class of 2013
Morgan Elizabeth Peele, Class of 2013
Gregory Douglas Stark, Class of 2013

Kenyon Pealers

Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Humane Letters

Jean Blacker
Professor of French

Presented by Mortimer M. Guiney
Professor of French

Jean Blacker, after earning advanced degrees in comparative literature at the University of California at Berkeley and teaching for three years at Ohio State University, you found a home at Kenyon, where you have thrived as a teacher and scholar. Your first book, *The Faces of Time*, advanced our understanding of what you once termed “the lack of distinction between fact and fiction in the historical narratives of the Middle Ages” and won nomination for the prestigious Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize of the Modern Language Association. Your article “Where Wace Feared to Tread: Latin Commentaries on Merlin’s Prophecies in the Reign of Henry II” obtained the first-ever James Randall Leader Award for Outstanding Article in *Arthuriana*, the flagship journal of the International Arthurian Society. But your many scholarly accomplishments served a greater cause: educating the students to whom you gave the very best of yourself. By combining the highest academic standards with an inexhaustible attention to their intellectual and personal growth, you earned the devotion of the men and women who had the good fortune to be in your classroom. You taught them to read and love the language of Old French, and you developed Kenyon’s first courses on Francophone literature of Africa and the Americas. Always a wise mentor to your peers, you recently enhanced their research by serving as the first faculty coordinator of the New Directions Grant of the Great Lakes Colleges Association. And you have worked with the academic-advising office to train colleagues to recognize and respond to diverse styles of learning. As we honor you today and wish you well, we express our pride in your accomplishments and our gratitude for the many gifts you have bestowed upon us.

Doctor of Humane Letters

Aileen Carol Hefferren
Chief Executive, Prep for Prep

Presented by Pamela K. Jensen
Professor of Political Science

Aileen Hefferren, we congratulate you today for living a life of distinguished public service. Following your graduation, with a summa cum laude degree in political science and a Phi Beta Kappa key, you took a position as research assistant at the newly formed U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., and, later, as assistant managing editor of *The National Interest*, then one of the country’s most influential foreign-policy journals. You have since carried your skills and dedication to the world of education, where you now serve as chief executive of Prep for Prep, a nonprofit organization that prepares promising students of color in New York City for placement in private schools, entrance to college, and leadership. You

and your staff have a profound impact on the lives of your students, whom you meet as elementary and middle-school students from underserved communities, train for placement in some of the nation’s most prominent private schools, counsel closely throughout their school careers, and guide into internships, career workshops, service projects, and highly selective colleges and universities. We have, in fact, welcomed several of these students to Kenyon. As you have said, you aim to “create a force of leaders who reflect our country’s diversity and who can transform our society for the better.” In addition to your stellar professional work and a busy private life as spouse to Charles, mother of Owen and Perry, and half of a busy home-restoration team, you have remained an active volunteer for the College, serving as a trustee and chairing the board’s Diversity Committee and earning the Alumni Council’s Distinguished Service Award in 2008. You do us great honor by returning home to Kenyon today.

Doctor of Science

Michael Peter Levine
Samuel B. Cummings Jr. Professor of Psychology

Presented by Linda M. Smolak
Samuel B. Cummings Jr. Professor of Psychology Emerita

Michael Peter Levine: In thirty-three years as a Kenyon faculty member, you have treated the three components of the job—teaching, research, and service—as intertwined rather than categorical. Your professional work on the prevention of eating disorders has shaped your community activism. This was perhaps best evident in your initiation of Eating Disorders Awareness Week in Knox County, an event that is now national. This combination of research and activism has brought you much recognition, including the Research-Practice Partnership Award of the Academy for Eating Disorders earlier this month. This work also reflects your formidable skill at integrating vast amounts of data and theory into a set of succinct and memorable take-home themes, often organized into an acronym. This ability was also evident in your classes. Who among the students in your “Abnormal Psych” classes doesn’t remember IMAD—inefficiency, misery, alienation, and disturbance—as the indicators of psychiatric distress? But it wasn’t just how you presented information that won you the College’s 2003 Trustee Teaching Award or two Senior Cups or two invitations to deliver the Baccalaureate address. Instead, students recognized your devotion to them. They knew the time you took to discuss their projects or problems or achievements was a gift. They understood you were always willing to try to help and encourage them. They, along with your colleagues, loved your legendary wit and remembered the rock lyrics you used as examples. And so, in wishing you and Mary all the best in this new phase of your life in sunny California, I’m going to borrow that technique: “Janey said it was time to go, so we closed our eyes and said goodbye to Gypsy Angel Row. Felt so right.”

Bachelor of Arts

Alea Pearl Abrams, *cum laude*, *Studio Art, Psychology*
Mia Jacqueline Addiego, *Art History*
Geoffrey Michael Akie, *Economics*
Andrea Elaine Amaya, *English*
Kelly Elizabeth Anderson, *Film**
James Hugh Andrews, *Political Science*
Trudy Victoria Andrzejewski, *Honors in American Studies**
Sarkis Austin Anusbigian, *Studio Art**
Emma Evelyn Arden, *magna cum laude*, *Neuroscience*
Erin Irene Armentrout, *Molecular Biology*
Mark Robertson Armstrong Jr., *English*
Sabrina Jyoti Arora, *cum laude*, *Biology**
Galen Hanson August, *Political Science*
Morgan Milko Azinger, *cum laude*, *English**, *Spanish*
Elizabeth Jean Bailey, *summa cum laude*, *Studio Art**,
Chemistry
Cole Ellington Baker, *Sociology*
Ian Michael Bakk, *Physics*
Laura Margit Barati, *summa cum laude*, *Drama**
Mary Elizabeth Barker, *International Studies*
Lewis Robert Tawanda Barnes, *International Studies*
Lily Dolberg Barrett, *English*
Casey Adrian Beane, *American Studies*
Anna Ruth Becker, *Sociology*
Faith Alexandria Bell, *English*
Alison Elise Bellgrau, *cum laude*, *Studio Art*
Elizabeth Claire Bernstein, *Art History, Economics*
Ethan Watts Bernstein, *magna cum laude*, *History*
Sara Katherine Biggers, *English*
Paul Benjamin Bisagni, *magna cum laude*, *Classics*
Owen Oliver Thomas Bitas, *Biology*
Caroline Elizabeth Black, *magna cum laude*, *Drama*
Ellen Day Blanchard, *High Honors in American Studies**
Sophie Anne Blumberg, *magna cum laude*, *Drama*
Jacob Wilson Bodager, *cum laude*, *English**
Carlyle Anne Bond, *Economics*
Finneas Victor Borge, *Political Science*
Chelsea Lynn Borgman, *Studio Art**
Mark Elliot Bosse, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in History**,
Asian Studies
Julia Gardner Bowie, *International Studies**
Hope Kristine Boyd, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in*
Psychology
Elizabeth Anne Brand, *magna cum laude*, *Anthropology*
Reilly McGuire Brock, *magna cum laude*, *Sociology**
Everett James Brodbeck, *Studio Art, Philosophy*
Michael Earl Broida, *cum laude*, *English**
Jennifer Marie Brown, *Psychology**
Vivian Jane Buchanan, *cum laude*, *Mathematics*
Gregory Brandi Bunis, *History*
Leanna Diane Yao-Ling Burckley, *Psychology**
Adam Mark Burger, *cum laude*, *Honors in History*
Nolan David Burger, *English*
Sarah Louise Bush, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in*
*American Studies**
Claire Buss, *Philosophy*
Kellyn Kristina Caldwell, *Spanish*
Ryan Joseph Calvo, *History*
Jeffery Morris Caplan, *Music*
Nina Amalia Castelli, *Studio Art*
Elizabeth Wilkinson Chabot, *magna cum laude*, *English**
Kassondra Leigh Chappell, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Vivian Cherng, *Sociology*
Scott R. Chernoff, *English, Modern Languages and Literatures*
Dominique Marie Chevalier, *magna cum laude*, *Biology*
Maxwell Pleninger Chodosh, *Political Science*
Isabelle Christman-Cohen, *English**
Anthony Li Pin Chun, *Economics*
Edward Ohlbaum Coady, *Political Science*
Julia Lynn Cohen, *magna cum laude*, *Biology, Psychology**
Angela Maria Coleman, *Drama, Sociology*
Caitlin Lubow Cook, *magna cum laude*, *Art History*
Sarah Marie Corcoran, *Psychology**
James Wilson Cornish, *History*
Courtney Elizabeth Cowper, *summa cum laude*, *Classics**
Henley Clayton Cox, *cum laude*, *Political Science*
Nathan Clark Crist, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Heather Elizabeth Crowley, *magna cum laude*, *English**
Rebecca Jane Curry, *Neuroscience*
Ian W. Curtis, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Modern*
Languages and Literatures, French
Elizabeth Marianne Dahlburg, *magna cum laude*, *Physics*
David James D'Altorio, *cum laude*, *History*
Elizabeth Boyd Daly, *International Studies, Spanish*
Andrew Thomas D'Amico, *cum laude*, *Philosophy*
Keith Tatenda Dangarembwa, *International Studies**
Elizabeth Louise D'Arcy, *Psychology*
Nicholas Edward Daunis, *English, Film*
Andrew Mitchell Davenport, *English*
Bennett Savage Davidson, *German, Philosophy*
Madeline Minklei Davis, *cum laude*, *Psychology*
Matthew William Davis, *cum laude*, *Studio Art**
Genevieve Marie Davison, *summa cum laude*, *Psychology*
Donald Douglas Deer, *Chemistry*
Robert Charles Donahue III, *History*
Andrew James Doten, *Psychology*
Kathleen Elizabeth Dougherty, *Neuroscience*
Laura Michelle Dunavant, *Modern Languages and Literatures*,
Asian Studies
Carolyn Ann Durrett, *cum laude*, *History*
John Andrew Dwyer, *magna cum laude*, *Drama, English**
Michael Ryan Eblin, *Anthropology*
Sean Eric Edelman, *Economics*
Andrew Earling Ellis, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Katherine Ryan English, *History*
Devin Joshua Ensing, *Economics*
Valerie Morris Ernst, *cum laude*, *International Studies*
Charles David Ewel, *Mathematics, Physics*
Mallory Brenda Ewer-Speck, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors*
in Economics
Katherine Elizabeth Ey, *magna cum laude*, *English*
Anuj Ezekiel, *magna cum laude*, *Political Science*
Trevor Wayne Ezell, *magna cum laude*, *Classics*
Chelsea Lee Farco, *English*
Kathryn Carew Feder, *magna cum laude*, *Honors in English**
Zoe Rebecca Feinstein, *magna cum laude*, *Anthropology*,
Spanish
Alexander Livingston Fernandez, *Psychology*

Garrett Shane Fields, *Political Science*
James Scott Findlay, *Economics*
Charles Harvey Fine, *magna cum laude, Political Science*
Robert Duncan Fine, *cum laude, High Honors in Physics**
Matthew Charles Fiorillo, *cum laude, Classics*
Caitlin Noller Fitzpatrick, *cum laude, Honors in English**
Nicholas Esai Fletcher, *International Studies*
Alicia Brooke Florin, *Sociology*
Scott Emerson Forsythe, *Economics*
Christopher Graham Freedman, *History, Political Science*
Tyler Robert Furste, *Economics, Psychology*
Adrian Francis Galbraith-Paul, *cum laude, Political Science*
Adrian Francis Galvin, *Synoptic: The Reclamation of Human
Divinity in Community: A Study in Liberation Theology and
German Social Theory**
Gian Matthew Garduque, *summa cum laude, Molecular
Biology*
Marika Ruth Garland, *cum laude, Honors in English**
Graham Beecroft George, *History*
Madeline Lucia Gobbo, *magna cum laude, English**
Amanda Rebecca Gold, *cum laude, International Studies*
Zack Griffin Goldberg, *cum laude, Political Science*
Zachary Evan Goldman, *magna cum laude, English**
Jessica Jean Goley, *magna cum laude, High Honors in History*
Stephen Theodore Gontzes, *Economics*
Alexis Danielle Gonzalez, *International Studies, Modern
Languages and Literatures*
Thea Melissa Goodrich, *summa cum laude, English**
Christina Margaret Gordon, *magna cum laude, Modern
Languages and Literatures*, Political Science*
Brittany Meryl Gabel, *summa cum laude, International
Studies**
Kaitlin Ashley Graff, *magna cum laude, High Honors in
Psychology**
Jack Aaron Graham, *Political Science*
Colin Gray Griffith, *English*
Leigha Kristine Grosh, *cum laude, Psychology*
Susannah Jane Gruder, *cum laude, English*
Caroline King Gruman, *History*
William Bruno Grupp, *English*
Gillian Denise Gualtieri, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in
Sociology, English**
Bettina Hedwig Hahn-Lawson, *Political Science*
Winslow Tyler Hall, *Political Science*
Timothy John Halle, *History*
Hanna Halperin-Goldstein, *cum laude, English**
Ahmad Mahmoud Hamad, *magna cum laude, Religious
Studies**
Nina Irene Hamilton, *cum laude, Biology*
Nicholas Tower Hargreaves-Heald, *History*
Christine Michelle Harm, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Laura Irene Harris, *Economics, Political Science*
Samuel Rory Harris, *magna cum laude, High Honors in
English**
Melissa Elizabeth Hart, *Economics, Mathematics*
Jeffrey Andrew Hechler, *Music*
Kelly Ann Heilman, *magna cum laude, Biology**
Noah Abraham Heinrich, *cum laude, Honors in English**
Aeneas Sagar Hemphill, *Drama*
Meghan Elizabeth Henshall, *cum laude, Women's and Gender
Studies*
Samuel Douglas Heuck, *Political Science*

William McRoberts Heus, *English*
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Jonathan David Hygh, *magna cum laude, English*
Matthew Kenneth Inman, *cum laude, English*
Arielle Aliza Ismail, *History*
Lucas Trent Ivey, *cum laude, Political Science*
Andrew Michael Jack, *magna cum laude, Economics*,
Mathematics*
Elizabeth Rose Jacobs, *cum laude, English*, Psychology*
Joshua Christian Jacobs, *Psychology*
Nicholas John Carl Johnson, *Philosophy*
Jamal DeShay Jordan, *Drama*
John Douglas Jordan, *Classics*
Lily Bess Kaizer, *Art History*
Natalie Paige Karic, *cum laude, Art History*
Quentin Cameron Karpilow, *summa cum laude, Highest
Honors in Economics*, Mathematics**
Forde Anderson Kay, *Studio Art*
Kirkland Morgan Kaye, *History*
Zina Usamah Kayyali, *History*
Rachel Ann Keller, *Sociology*
Ann Chalmers Kelly, *Music*
Brigitte Ariel Kemp, *magna cum laude, Studio Art*
Nicole Patricia Kett, *Biology*
Samantha Jean Kettering, *cum laude, English*
Logan Michelle Kinsey, *English*
Andrew James Kissner, *Economics*
Natalie Julia Klapper, *Political Science*
Alexandra Paige Klein, *International Studies*
Rebecca Anne Kobayashi, *magna cum laude, English*
Jonela Kolasi, *cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures*,
Psychology*
Morgan Paige Korinek, *Biology*
Allison Emily Kramer, *summa cum laude, Psychology**
Anna Katherine Krause, *cum laude, High Honors in
Psychology**
Jared Roderick Kunze, *History*
Bryan Alexander Kurtzman, *Film**
Brendan Gregory Lambert, *cum laude, Classics*
Leslie Allen Lasiter, *Sociology*
Charles Joseph Lasky, *Drama*
Matthew John Lasnoski, *magna cum laude, Art History,
French**
Jay Michael James Leach, *Mathematics*
Camille Candida Leon, *cum laude, Psychology*
Joseph Lerangis, *Modern Languages and Literatures, Music*
Georgina Mary Leslie, *cum laude, English, Modern Languages
and Literatures**
Marion Warland Leslie, *Psychology**
Robert Harrison Letzler, *Dance*
Daniel Adam Levine, *International Studies*

Daniel Jacob Levy, *History*
 Sonam Lhaki, *Molecular Biology*
 Caroline Galen Lindy, *cum laude, Drama*
 Daniella Eve Lipnick, *cum laude, Psychology*
 Matthew Christopher Lippert, *Modern Languages and Literatures, Asian Studies*
 Helen Taruc Liutongco, *cum laude, International Studies*
 Susan Maria Livermore, *summa cum laude, English*, Spanish**
 Megan Rose Llewellyn, *cum laude, Studio Art, Biology*
 Elizabeth Adele Lowry, *magna cum laude, International Studies**
 Kevin Cassin Luby, *Sociology*
 Blair Elizabeth MacDonald, *cum laude, Political Science*
 Sarah Lindsay Macdonald, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Nathan Isaac Marcus, *cum laude, High Honors in History**
 Zurab Margvelashvili, *cum laude, Economics*, Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Laura Magoun Markstein, *cum laude, Political Science*
 John Frederick Marra, *History*
 Jessica Frances Marroquin, *cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures**
 Alexandra Marie Martin, *magna cum laude, French*, Psychology*
 Amanda Faye Martin, *cum laude, Psychology**
 Matthew Louis Martin, *Religious Studies*
 Christian Alejandra Martinez-Canchola, *English, Sociology*
 Yukiharu Maruyama, *magna cum laude, Sociology**
 Lars Elias Matkin, *magna cum laude, Biochemistry**
 Amanda Leigh Maxfield, *magna cum laude, Anthropology*
 Jaron Patrick Maxson, *Chemistry*
 Amelia Dieter McClure, *Political Science*
 John Riley McCracken, *Economics*
 John Davies McKean, *English*
 Elizabeth Mary McLees, *cum laude, English, Psychology*
 Kelly Louise McPharlin, *American Studies**
 Paul Fainberg Mediolli, *Classics*
 Charles Martin Meins, *cum laude, English*
 Hans Joseph Meister, *Psychology*
 Erin Elizabeth Mershon, *summa cum laude, Political Science*
 Patrick Michael Meyers, *summa cum laude, Mathematics, Physics**
 Keith Andrew Miller, *summa cum laude, Molecular Biology**
 Clinton Allen Monteith, *English, Political Science*
 Whitten Kunz Montgomery, *Spanish*
 Terence V. Mooney, *cum laude, High Honors in American Studies, English*
 Katherine Elizabeth Moore, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Mathematics*
 Zachary Joseph Moore, *German, History*
 Sarah Deane Moseley, *Molecular Biology*
 Ryan Issac Motevalli-Oliner, *American Studies*
 Mark Brinton Motheral, *Neuroscience*
 Robert Walter Mueller III, *Economics*
 Joseph Daniel Murphree, *summa cum laude, Mathematics, Physics**
 Meaghan Brock Murphy, *Biology*
 Amanda Mae Myers, *Psychology*
 Mary Elizabeth Myers, *Biochemistry*
 Emily Rebecca Neal, *cum laude, Mathematics*
 Mia Olson Neidhardt, *magna cum laude, Economics, Spanish*
 Victor Nininger, *Political Science*
 Cyo Ray Nystrom, *History*
 Kevin Michael O'Brien, *cum laude, Highest Honors in Psychology*
 Brendan French O'Connor, *cum laude, English*
 Jordan Leigh Ohanesian, *Psychology**
 Katharine Helena O'Hara, *magna cum laude, Sociology*
 Jeremy Curtis Oller, *cum laude, Biology*
 Maxwell Tamai Olson, *cum laude, Economics*
 Michael John Papagni, *Economics*
 Katharine Lynn Parrott, *summa cum laude, Highest Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures, German, English**
 Alexandra Marie Patterson, *English*
 Jillian Lee Pattison, *Biochemistry**
 Elisa Jane Pelgrift, *magna cum laude, Dance*, Psychology*
 Erik Monatt Pelletier, *Film*
 Vivienne Peng, *Political Science*
 Christopher Edward Philpot, *summa cum laude, Highest Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures, Spanish*
 John Robert Pilat, *English*
 Crystal Ann Piras, *cum laude, Biochemistry*
 Andrea Elizabeth Pohly, *Biology*
 Kenneth Arthur Polyak, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Nikola Popovic, *Political Science*
 Jenny Claire Posnak, *Psychology*
 Mara Elizabeth Pottersmith, *magna cum laude, Honors in English**
 Blake Lakeland Preston, *Political Science*
 Savannah Rae Provine, *Biology*
 Jane Elizabeth Pryma, *summa cum laude, English*, Sociology**
 Miles Frazier Purinton, *cum laude, Drama*
 Joseph Vincent Pysnik, *Economics*
 Jennifer Tang Quach, *French*
 Kimberly Mae Qualls, *Film*
 Meghan Marie Quinn, *Sociology*
 Karuna Gabrielle Ramcharran, *Political Science*
 Emily Elizabeth Rapp, *magna cum laude, Philosophy*
 Greg Michael Rebuldela Jr., *Economics*
 Hannah Larkspur Regan-Smith, *Biology*
 Alex Joseph Reinthal, *cum laude, History*
 Emily Hope Rhoda, *Psychology*
 Alex Paul Schlemmer Richter, *Philosophy*
 Daniel Patrick Riggins, *cum laude, High Honors in Molecular Biology**
 Sewell Standish Robinson, *History*
 Madli Rohtla, *magna cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures*, Asian Studies*
 Samantha Lynn Rojas, *Chemistry*
 Daniel Joseph Rooker, *Physics*
 Katia Madelin Roque, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Anthropology*
 Susannah Maxiellen Rosenfield, *Sociology*
 Emily Elizabeth Ruf, *cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures**
 Virginia Pulis Rushton, *Anthropology*
 Diana Herzstein Ryan, *cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures**
 Katherine Millicent Ryan, *cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Rachel Anne Sachnoff, *cum laude, Drama**
 Ciara Christina Sanchez, *Psychology*
 Tyler William Schatz, *History*
 Laurin Ruben Alexander Schoenemann, *Sociology*
 Nicole Dominique Schullo, *Spanish*

Sarah Elizabeth Schulz, *cum laude*, *English*
 Andrew Michael Schwartz, *magna cum laude*, *Biology*
 Ethan Ryan Scott, *summa cum laude*, *English**
 Cody McCabe Shankman, *Sociology*
 Eleanor Robie Shechet, *cum laude*, *English**
 Eleanor Gardiner Shepley, *cum laude*, *Drama*
 Margaret Windsor Sherwood, *International Studies*, *Modern Languages and Literatures**
 Kayla Lyn Siebert, *Mathematics*
 Charles Lindbergh Small III, *Economics*
 Danielle DeSesa Smith, *cum laude*, *English*
 Jacob Forrest Harrison Smith, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Political Science*
 Margo Lee Smith, *cum laude*, *Mathematics*, *Neuroscience*
 Hannah Wynn Snyder, *cum laude*, *Classics*, *Economics*
 David Andrew Somers, *cum laude*, *Classics*, *Physics**
 Taylor Eugene Somers, *cum laude*, *Philosophy**
 Graham Harris Sorenson, *Biology*
 David Liu Sowa, *magna cum laude*, *Molecular Biology*
 Christopher Escobar Stack, *Economics*, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Brooke Jamieson Stanley, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in English**, *Modern Languages and Literatures**
 Caitlin Jane Starling, *magna cum laude*, *Anthropology*
 August James Steigmeyer, *Biology*, *English*
 Julia Murdock Steinberg, *cum laude*, *Highest Honors in American Studies**, *English*
 Hannah Lynne Stewart, *magna cum laude*, *International Studies**
 Nicholas Aaron Stewart, *Philosophy*
 Maja Johanna Stilling, *Political Science*, *Sociology*
 Margaret Rae Straw, *Psychology*
 Robyn Rae Olen Stype, *magna cum laude*, *Drama*
 Luke Michael Sullivan, *cum laude*, *Biochemistry*
 Emily Anne Swaim, *cum laude*, *English*
 Elizabeth Ruth Swank, *English*
 Ryan Alexander Talk, *Physics*
 Julian Louis Tancredi, *cum laude*, *Anthropology*
 Jeffrey Michael Taylor, *Philosophy*
 Kaitlin Renee Tebeau, *magna cum laude*, *English**
 Daniel Kraemer Tebes, *International Studies*
 Rebecca Marie Theodorou, *cum laude*, *English*
 Brittany Leigh Thielke, *International Studies*
 Daniel Raymond Thompson, *History*
 Brian Douglas Thorne, *Biochemistry*
 Daniel Paul Toulson, *International Studies*
 Alexander Mathias Traugutt, *History*
 Melody Chebrellan Travers, *Sociology*
 Andrew Anthony Tripodo, *magna cum laude*, *Political Science**
 Kaung Myat Tun, *Biology*
 Zachary David Turk, *International Studies*
 Robert Tyson-Multhaup, *Economics*, *International Studies*
 Tatenda Uta, *Economics*
 Alyssa Newman Van Denburg, *summa cum laude*, *High Honors in Psychology**
 Allison Veronica Vela-Mendoza, *Psychology*
 Alisa Vereshchagin, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures*
 David Cramer Vick, *Film*
 Christina Wilson Vick-Kell, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Desiree Senami Vodounon, *International Studies*
 Langston Eden Vonderheide, *Physics*
 Kelly Nicole Wahl, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Biology*
 Bowen Thomas Walker, *Studio Art*
 Colin Charnley Walker, *English*
 Robert Hamilton Wallace Jr., *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Philosophy**
 Rachel Elizabeth Walsh, *Psychology*
 Sam Adams Warlick, *Anthropology*
 Dana Lillian Warren, *International Studies**
 Carolyn Gray Watts, *cum laude*, *Economics*, *Physics*
 Elizabeth Ellen Watts, *magna cum laude*, *Economics*, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Lindsay Marie Watts, *Psychology*
 Brett Jordan Webster, *Philosophy*
 Russell Noel Weeks, *Religious Studies*
 Christopher Howard Wert, *Music*
 Marika Kent West, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Economics*
 Abigail Hedberg Westcott, *American Studies*
 James Corvin Whitacre, *English*
 Alyssa Rene White, *Drama*
 Simon Gregory White, *Philosophy*
 Irene Marie Wilburn, *cum laude*, *Political Science*
 Sally Ann Wilson, *cum laude*, *Biology*
 Matthew Emerson Witmer, *Philosophy*
 Robert Zachary Wolf, *Biology*
 Adrienne Elyse Wolter, *magna cum laude*, *Studio Art**
 Nicolyn Vilma Woodcock, *magna cum laude*, *Honors in English**
 Charlotte Bea Woolf, *cum laude*, *Studio Art**, *Women's and Gender Studies*
 Jeffrey Stevenson Wright, *History**
 Sophia Elizabeth Yablon, *Art History*
 Robert Russell Yee, *Economics*
 Aaron Justin Yeoh, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Molecular Biology**
 Elena Margaret Zarabozo, *magna cum laude*, *Honors in Economics*
 Zachary Ian Zarembo, *Anthropology*
 Kathryn Paige Zorniger, *magna cum laude*, *Anthropology*
 Alexandra Anne Zott, *English*
 Helen Holt Zuckerman, *Religious Studies**

Graduation Honors

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

3.50-3.69, cum laude;

3.70-3.89, magna cum laude;

3.90 and above, summa cum laude.

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

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 276 chapters. Elections to membership are made from the best scholars in the junior and senior classes who have shown achievement through grades and an intellectual disposition.

Notes

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

Honors Day 2012

Outstanding Kenyon students and faculty members, along with two distinguished alumni and a distinguished parent, were recognized at the College's annual Honors Day Convocation on April 10.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Ross H. Gelbspan '60, for his achievements as a prize-winning journalist and as a writer on climate change; to Antonia J. Mulvihill, for her accomplishments as a high-school teacher and as a leader in the Kenyon Academic Partnership; and to Jennifer Rudolph Walsh '89, for her achievements as a literary agent and as an executive of William Morris Endeavor.

In addition, two faculty members were awarded \$5,000 each as recipients of the 2012 Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards. Recognized for their superior work were Associate Professor of Economics Jaret S. Treber in the junior-faculty category and Professor of Chinese Jianhua Bai in the senior category.

Unless noted, winners are members of the Class of 2012.

Fellowships and Awards

Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies

Trudy Victoria Andrzejewski

Fulbright Fellowship

Paul Benjamin Bisagni

Mark Elliot Bosse

Caitlin Lubow Cook

Amanda Marie Oller Green, Class of 2010

Ahmad Mahmoud Hamad

John Thomas Huelskoetter

Stephanie Andrea Kung, Class of 2011

Joseph Alexander deVaron Lerangis

Susan Maria Livermore

Elizabeth Christine McBean, Class of 2011

Katharine Lynn Parrott

Brooke Jamieson Stanley

Melody Chebrellan Travers

Dana Lillian Warren

Megan Elizabeth Wilhelm, Class of 2010

Helen Holt Zuckerman

Barry M. Goldwater Excellence in Education Scholarship
Solomon Heinrich Reisberg, Class of 2013

Elmer A. Graham Scholarship
Curtis Shiner Ramsey, Class of 2013

Eppa Rixey III Memorial Scholarship
Tyler James Dierke, Class of 2013

Departmental Prizes

Anthropology

The Margaret Mead Award
Amanda Leigh Maxfield

Art

The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award in Art

Elizabeth Jean Bailey
Charlotte Bea Woolf
Nina Amalia Castelli
Adrienne Elyse Wolter

The Richard Kingan Liggitt Memorial Award in Art History
Matthew John Lasnoski

Biology

The Biology Award for Outstanding Service to the Department
Andrew Brendan Gipson, Class of 2013

The Biology Independent Study Prize
Graham Harris Sorenson
Sally Ann Wilson

The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize
Daniel Patrick Riggins
Kelly Nicole Wahl

The Dorothy E. and Thomas C. Jegla Prize

Emily Katherine Rose, Class of 2014
Scott Craig Watters, Class of 2014

The Maxwell Elliott Power Prize
Aaron Justin Yeoh

Chemistry

The Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award
Logan Lee Ernst, Class of 2015

The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry
Elizabeth Jean Bailey

The Gordon L. Johnson Research Prize in Chemistry
Keith Andrew Miller

Classics

The George L. Brain Prize
Paul Benjamin Bisagni

The Carl Diehl Prize
John Matthew Ciecka, Class of 2014
Sarah Hannum Eisenlohr, Class of 2015

Economics

The Paul Titus Economics Prize
Quentin Cameron Karpilow

English

The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Grace Panhorst, Class of 2013

Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award
Thea Melissa Goodrich
Brooke Jamieson Stanley

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Junior Prize

Jill Alison Hanley, Class of 2013
Abigail Leanne Scribner, Class of 2013

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Memorial Prize

Susan Maria Livermore
Jane Elizabeth Pryma

History

The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize
Rebecca Janice Spradlin, Class of 2013

The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize
Margaret Dale Drain, Class of 2013
Jessica Jean Goley

The Curtis A. Seichter Memorial Award
Nathan Isaac Marcus

Integrated Program in Humane Studies

The Richard F. Hettlinger Award
Sophie Anne Blumberg

International Studies

International Studies Award
Brittany Meryl Grabel

Mathematics

The Reginald B. Allen Prize
Katherine Elizabeth Moore

The Solomon R.S. Kasper Prize
Quentin Cameron Karpilow

Modern Languages and Literatures

The Edward Harvey Prize
Alexandra Marie Martin

The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize
Katharine Lynn Parrott

The Charles Singer Williams Prize in French

Ian W. Curtis

The Arabic Prize
Christina Margaret Gordon

The Thomas Au '69 and Jack Au '73 Chinese Prize
Elizabeth Ellen Watts

The Italian Prize
Jonela Kolasi
Brooke Jamieson Stanley

The Japanese Prize
Sarah Lindsay MacDonald

The Russian Prize
Georgina Mary Leslie

The Spanish Prize
Christopher Edward Philpot

Music

The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award in Music Performance
David Clarke, Class of 2011

The David B. Perry Community Service Music Prize

Colla Voce, Spring 2011:
Julia Kimberly Dopp, Class of 2013
Caroline Anderson Eichler, Class of 2011

Carling Morgan Fitzsimmons, Class of 2011

Ellen Meredith Kaufman, Class of 2013
Ananda Rose Plunkett, Class of 2011
Allyson Mackenzie Schmaling, Class of 2014

Robyn Rae Olen Stype
Joanna Christine Tomassoni, Class of 2011

The David B. Perry Senior Award in Music

Joseph Alexander deVaron Lerangis

Neuroscience

The Jon L. Williams Prize
Margo Lee Smith

Philosophy

The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize
Robert Hamilton Wallace

Physics

The Elbe H. Johnson Prize
Ryan Andrew Darragh, Class of 2014

Political Science

The John Chesnut Memorial Prize

Erin Elizabeth Mershon

The Diamond-Storing Prize

Jacob Forrest Harrison Smith

Psychology

The Psychology Prize

Alyssa Newman Van Denburg

The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award for Integrative Study

Marika Kent West

Religious Studies

The Simpson Prize

Ahmad Mahmoud Hamad

Sociology

The Jane Addams Award

Reilly McGuire Brock

Gillian Denise Gualtieri

The George Herbert Mead Award

Yukiha Maruyama

Jane Elizabeth Pryma

Women's and Gender Studies

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

Nina Amalia Castelli

College Prizes

The George Gund Award

Sarah Louise Bush

Terence Valentine Mooney

The George B. Ogden Award

Frederica Van Horne Hill, Class of 2013

The Academy of American Poetry Prize

Thea Melissa Goodrich

The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize

Caitlin Noller Fitzpatrick

Madeline Lucia Gobbo

The Propper Prize for Poetry

Luke Neal Hodges, Class of 2015

The John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize

Chloe Alys Irwin, Class of 2013

The Paul Newman Trophy

John Andrew Dwyer

The Joanne Woodward Trophy

Rachel Anne Sachnoff

The Ashford Memorial Award for

Excellence in Dramatics

Robyn Rae Olen Stype

The James E. Michael Prize in Playwriting

Christine A. Prevas, Class of 2015

The Dance Prize

Robert Harrison Letzler

The Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Prize

Adrian Francis Galbraith Paul (first)

Nicholas John Gasbarro, Class of 2015

James Corvin Whitacre

Zac Ian Zarembo

The Jess Willard Falkenstine Award

David Andrew Somers

Morgan Paige Korinek

The Humanitarian Award

Julia Murdock Steinberg

The Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award

Christian Alejandra Martinez-Canchola

The Doris B. Crozier Award

Michael Earl Broida

Julian Louis Tancredi

The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup

Aaron Justin Yeoh

Scholarships

Honor and Science Scholarships

Competitive merit scholarships awarded by Kenyon to entering students. Honor Scholars represent excellence in the liberal arts, while Science Scholars show promise to excel in the natural sciences.

Honor Scholars: Class of 2015

Kathryn Elizabeth Currier*

Grace Jennifer Hitzeman

Michael Joseph Millian Jest

Rebecca Raye Varnell

Science Scholars: Class of 2015

Hetty Alyse Borinstein

Alexander Weiss Christoff

Logan Lee Ernst

Elizabeth Carlisle Greco

Kelsey Ann Hamilton

Tamsin Bryn McDonagh

Celia Leetch Oberholzer

Kelsey Luh Randhawa

Timothy Roman Scully

Andrew David Stewart

Trustee Opportunity Scholarships

Competitive merit scholarships awarded by Kenyon College to top entering students from underrepresented backgrounds, including first-generation students.

Class of 2015

Mia Page Barnett

Jaime Soojin Cohen

Emily Caitlin Peacock Dawson

Jacquelyn Marie Garcia

Maria Julieta Guzman

Camelia Milnes

Conor Langston Tazewell

Rodney Stanton Tucker II

Zeslie Aonani Zablan

Scholarships Awarded for the Current Academic Year

The Mastin Scholarship

Katheryn Patricia Connell, Class of 2013

Dai Shen, Class of 2013

The James P. Storer Scholarship

Dylan James Markovic, Class of 2014

Stella Rae Ryan-Lozon, Class of 2013

Abigail Leanne Scribner, Class of 2013

Michael Anthony Sharpe Jr, Class of 2013

Caitlin Jane Starling

*Deceased

Davis United World College Scholars

Funded by Gale L. and Shelby M.C. Davis, the Davis United World College (UWC) Scholars Program offers scholarship support for graduates of UWC schools who are accepted on merit and demonstrate need.

Sandro Aravena Perez, Class of 2014
William Bowman, Class of 2013
Marcela Colmenares, Class of 2013
Abhishek Dhawan, Class of 2013
Philisile Dube, Class of 2013
Darko Gligorovski, Class of 2014
Poorva Jalan, Class of 2014
Palista Kharel, Class of 2013
Adrian Kwong, Class of 2013
Ville Lampi, Class of 2013
Sonam Lhaki
Kotiba Malek, Class of 2013
Yukiha Maruyama
Kristina Miklavic, Class of 2014
Anu Nael, Class of 2014
Linh Bao Nguyen, Class of 2014
Tove Pousette, Class of 2013
Madli Rohla
Katia Roque
Laurin Schoenemann
Nosiku Siyumba, Class 2013
Maja Stilling
Darya Tsybalyuk, Class of 2013
Tatenda Uta
Anabel Yahuitl Garcia, Class of 2014
Melek Yildiz Spinel, Class of 2014

John W. Adams Summer Legal Studies Scholars for 2012

Competitively selected awardees work with faculty mentors to design and execute collaborative socio-legal research projects. Adams Scholars conclude the program with public presentations on their work.

Kayla Marie Ernst, Class of 2013
Sarah Elizabeth Greely Maniates, Class of 2013
Morgan Elizabeth Peele, Class of 2013
Kaylyn Michelle Talkington, Class of 2014

Summer Science Scholar Program for 2012

Awards, based on a competition among student-faculty proposals, to support student-faculty research in the laboratory sciences during the summer vacation.

Snow Adler, Class of 2013
Myles Harris Alderman III, Class of 2014
AnnaDorothea Asimes, Class of 2013
Kiersten Jane Bell, Class of 2013
James Thomas Chapman Jr., Class of 2013
Hillary Lyn Child, Class of 2013
Jennings Tate Deskins, Class of 2013
Myra Emma Eckenhoff, Class of 2013
Andrew Brendan Gipson, Class of 2013
Daniel Trevor Glaser, Class of 2013
Jesse Elias Goldfarb, Class of 2013
Mark Michael Harden Jr., Class of 2014
Karen Helena Huntsman, Class of 2013
Bronte Louise Kastenbergl, Class of 2014
Katherine Ann Lang, Class of 2014
Maria Jose Narvaez, Class of 2014
Alexander Stephen New, Class of 2014
Claire Louise O'Connell, Class of 2013
Emily Katherine Rose, Class of 2014
Daniel Max Rosenberg, Class of 2013
Allen Garrett Sanderlin, Class of 2015
Olivia Faye Siulagi, Class of 2014
Luke Christopher Skon, Class of 2013
Hannah Gordon Stapleton Smith, Class of 2013
Henry Sherman Smith, Class of 2013
Sally Christine Steuterman, Class of 2013
Justin David Taft, Class of 2013
Julia Novello Tidona, Class of 2014
Scott Craig Watters, Class of 2014
Anna Mary Yie, Class of 2014
Melek Yildiz Spinel, Class of 2014

Kenyon Educational Enrichment Program

The Kenyon Educational Enrichment Program (KEEP) is a selective four-year program that provides academic, intellectual, and social encouragement and support for its participants. Twelve scholars from diverse ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds are selected from each incoming class to participate in this program. Those listed below are members of this year's graduating class, KEEP's second.

Bettina Hedwig Hahn-Lawson
Helen Taruc Liutongco
Christian Alejandra Martinez-Canchola
Jaron Patrick Maxson
Ryan Issac Motevalli-Oliner
Amanda Mae Myers
Desiree Senami Vodounon

Honor Societies

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Chapter of Ohio (Liberal Arts and Sciences)

Elizabeth Jean Bailey
Laura Margit Barati
Hope Kristine Boyd
Courtney Elizabeth Cowper
Ian W. Curtis
Genevieve Marie Davison
Mallory Brenda Ewer-Speck
Katherine Elizabeth Ey
Gian Matthew Garduque
Zachary Evan Goldman
Jessica Jean Goley
Thea Melissa Goodrich
Christina Margaret Gordon
Brittany Meryl Grabel
Gillian Denise Gualtieri
Ahmad Mahmoud Hamad
Quentin Cameron Karpilow
Allison Emily Kramer
Matthew John Lasnoski
Susan Maria Livermore
Erin Elizabeth Mershon
Patrick Michael Meyers
Keith Andrew Miller
Katherine Elizabeth Moore
Joseph Daniel Murphree
Katharine Lynn Parrott
Christopher Edward Philpot
Jane Elizabeth Pryma
Madli Rohtla
Ethan Ryan Scott
Jacob Forrest Harrison Smith
Brooke Jamieson Stanley
Caitlin Jane Starling
Hannah Lynne Stewart
Robyn Rae Olen Stype
Alyssa Newman Van Denburg
Alisa Vereshchagin
Robert Hamilton Wallace Jr.
Elizabeth Ellen Watts
Marika Kent West
Aaron Justin Yeoh

Pi Mu Epsilon

(Mathematics)

Vivian Jane Buchanan
Marika Ruth Garland
Melissa Elizabeth Hart
Andrew Michael Jack
Quentin Cameron Karpilow
Patrick Michael Meyers
Katherine Elizabeth Moore
Joseph Daniel Murphree
Emily Rebecca Neal
Margo Lee Smith
David Andrew Templeton Somers
Carolyn Gray Watts

Pi Sigma Alpha

(Political Science)

Galen Hanson August
Henley Clayton Cox
Anuj Ezekiel
Charles Harvey Fine
Zack Griffin Goldberg
Christina Margaret Gordon
Winslow Tyler Hall
John Thomas Huelskoetter
Laura Magoun Markstein
Erin Elizabeth Mershon
Jacob Forrest Harrison Smith
Andrew Anthony Tripodo
Irene Marie Wilburn

Sigma Pi Sigma

(Physics)

Hillary Lyn Child, Class of 2013
Elizabeth Marianne Dahlburg
Jennings Tate Deskins, Class of 2013
Robert Duncan Fine
Patrick Michael Meyers
Joseph Daniel Murphree
David Andrew Templeton Somers
Carolyn Gray Watts

Sigma Xi

(Scientific Research)

Hope Kristine Boyd
Hillary Lyn Child, Class of 2013
Julia Lynn Cohen
Rachel Elizabeth Cooper, Class of 2013
Donald Douglas Deer
Jennings Tate Deskins, Class of 2013
Robert Duncan Fine
Kaitlin Ashley Graff
Nina Irene Hamilton
Anna Katherine Krause
Lars Elias Matkin
Amanda Leigh Maxfield
Patrick Michael Meyers
Keith Andrew Miller
Katherine Elizabeth Moore
Mark Brinton Motheral
Joseph Daniel Murphree
Jillian Lee Pattison
Samantha Lynn Rojas
Margo Lee Smith
David Andrew Templeton Somers
Graham Harris Sorenson
Brian Douglas Thorne
Alyssa Newman Van Denburg
Kelly Nicole Wahl
Sally Ann Wilson
Aaron Justin Yeoh

Commencement 2012

Kenyon's one hundred eighty-fourth Commencement ceremony features a national leader in making higher education available to disadvantaged students of color, two retiring faculty members with more than sixty years of combined service, and the four hundred young men and women of the Class of 2012 who will parade down Middle Path one last time before taking themselves and their diplomas out into the world.

Depending on the weather, the graduation ceremony is being held either on the lawn between two of the College's oldest academic buildings, Ascension Hall and Samuel Mather Science Hall, or in the Kenyon Athletic Center, a more recent addition to the campus. The Baccalaureate service took place yesterday, on Friday, May 18, at 1:30 p.m.

This year's Baccalaureate speaker, chosen by the seniors, was Associate Professor of Political Science Pamela Camerra-Rowe, incumbent of the College's John B. McCoy Distinguished Teaching Chair. A member of the faculty since 1994, she won Kenyon's highest honor for teaching in 2011 when she was one of two recipients of the Trustee Teaching Excellence Award. In nominating her, students praised her for her high standards and, as one put it, her "feisty energy."

In 2008-09, Camerra-Rowe worked in the U.S. Senate as an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow. She has drawn on that experience not only in her teaching but also in her longstanding role as an advisor to students seeking careers in government. A graduate of Davidson College, she earned her Ph.D. at Duke University.

Following the Baccalaureate service, the graduating class gathered to partake in a cherished Kenyon tradition, the Senior Sing, which—if the weather cooperated—took place on the steps of Rosse Hall. Commencement Weekend also featured all-campus seminars by Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Laurie Finke, whose topic was "Knights, Lords, and Bands of Brothers: Fraternities and the Romance of the Middle Ages," and Assistant Professor of Physics John "Tom" Giblin, whose session was entitled "Universally Misunderstood: What You Should Know About the Universe Around Us (and How)."

Remarks to the graduating class will be offered by Aileen C. Hefferren, the chief executive of Prep for Prep, a widely admired nonprofit organization that prepares promising students of color in New York City for placement in private schools and lives of leadership. Currently a member of the College's Board of Trustees, she is a summa cum laude graduate of Kenyon in the Class of 1988.

Hefferren has led Prep for Prep since 2002, after having served earlier as the organization's director of operations and director of development. Since its founding in 1978, Prep has enabled nearly three thousand students to attend private day and boarding schools and go on to college. Its alumni have graduated from all of the Ivy League institutions and a wide range of highly selective colleges.

"Focusing resources on the most able students from underserved communities will ultimately create a force of leaders who reflect our country's diversity and who can transform our society for the better," Hefferren has written. "If we as a nation are to achieve a truly representative democracy, students of color must succeed academically and hone their leadership skills at their schools."

Every year, Prep for Prep screens talented students who are nominated by more than 750 New York City public schools. The program accepts about 150 fifth graders and 75 seventh graders, who are given fourteen months of rigorous training, including two intensive summer sessions, to prepare them both academically and socially for placement in private schools. The students who successfully complete this preparatory training (typically 75 percent) are placed in day schools as seventh graders or boarding schools as ninth graders.

Last fall, Prep had 756 students enrolled in more than fifty schools, including some of the most prominent names in private secondary education—Dalton, Fieldston, and Horace Mann among day schools; Andover, Choate, and Exeter among boarding schools. Private schools commit more than \$20 million annually to the students in financial aid.

Throughout the students' school careers, Prep for Prep provides counseling, including college counseling, as well as opportunities including internships, career workshops, and service projects. As of last fall, 757 Prep graduates were enrolled in college—of those, 530 were in either Ivy League universities or other highly competitive institutions.

After graduating from the College as a political-science major, Hefferren worked as a research assistant at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., then as assistant managing editor of *The National Interest*, one of the country's most influential foreign-policy magazines. An active volunteer for Kenyon, she chairs the Diversity Committee of the College's board and serves on its Admissions and Financial Aid, Executive, and Student Affairs committees. In 2008, Kenyon's Alumni Council awarded her its Distinguished Service Award.

The retiring faculty members being honored today are Jean Blacker, a professor of French, and Michael P. Levine, the College's Samuel B. Cummings Jr. Professor of Psychology. Together, they have contributed more than sixty years of subject-area expertise and top-notch teaching, counseling, and administrative skills to the community.

Blacker, who joined the Kenyon faculty in 1985, has taught a wide variety of courses in French language, literature, and film and made notable contributions to her field as a writer and editor. Her primary research interests, which include Anglo-Norman literary and historical texts of the twelfth century, as well as Latin histories of the same era, focus principally on Arthurian material and the Norman Conquest. She is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles with a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

A member of the faculty since 1979, Levine is an authority on abnormal psychology and the psychology of personality, particularly as they relate to eating disorders. His special interests include the links between eating problems and preventive education, public health, and mass media. Much honored for both his scholarly work and his leadership in advocacy groups dealing with eating disorders, he earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

A History of Kenyon Commencements

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

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

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

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

The tremendous influx of students coming to Kenyon after World War II under the provisions of the G.I. Bill made graduating classes so large that Rosse Hall could no longer accommodate Commencement audiences. The first outdoor ceremony was held in 1950, in the same location as today's exercises. The rainsite, at first Wertheimer Fieldhouse, became the Ernst Center in 1982. The fieldhouse was demolished in 2003 to make way for the Kenyon Athletic Center; the Ernst Center was razed in 2009. Since 2006, the Kenyon Athletic Center has served as the rainsite.

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 last returned in 1999, but the onslaught, with its eerie shrilling, 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 (1910-90)

College Archivist, 1967-90

Updated by Thomas P. Stamp '73

College Historian, 2008-

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. With more than fifteen hundred colleges and universities in the United States, various arrangements of the primary colors are used.

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