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# Kenyon College

# The One Hundred Eighty-Sixth Commencement

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

#### **Program**

Sean M. Decatur, *President, presiding* Laurie A. Finke, *Faculty Marshal* Joan L. Slonczewski, *Secretary of the Faculty* 

#### **Processional**

The Scioto Brass Ensemble

#### Invocation

The Reverend Helen Svoboda-Barber Rector, Harcourt Episcopal Parish

#### Welcome

Barry F. Schwartz Chairman, Board of Trustees

Sean M. Decatur President of Kenyon College

#### **Conferring of Honorary Degrees**

Joseph Alan Adler Presented by Ennis B. Edmonds

Teri Kuhlman Blanchard Presented by Joseph G. Nelson

William McGuire Bryson Presented by Haruhiko Itagaki

Earl Raymond Heithaus *Presented by M. Siobhan Fennessy* 

Patricia Smith Heithaus Presented by Wade H. Powell

James Allen Steen
Presented by Timothy Baker Shutt

#### Remarks

Introduction by Henry P. Toutain *Dean of Students* 

Leland Taylor Holcomb President of the Class of 2014

#### Address

Bill Bryson Writer

#### Announcement

Members of the Class of 2014 elected to membership in Beta Chapter of Ohio of Phi Beta Kappa

Pamela G. Camerra-Rowe John B. McCoy Bank One Distinguished Teaching Associate Professor of Political Science

#### 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 2014

Joseph L. Klesner *Provost* 

Dean Toutain

### Conferring of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

#### Awarding of the Diplomas of the College

President Decatur

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 2014

President Decatur

#### Benediction

Marc W. Bragin Director, Kenyon College Hillel

#### Recessional

The Scioto Brass Ensemble

#### **Senior Class Committee**

Leland Taylor Holcomb,

President

Andrew Lars Parmelee,

Senior Representative to Student Council

Lucy Ann Phillips,

Senior Representative to Campus Senate

Gregory Thomas Culley

Alistair Ian Flynn

Sean Steve Grant Jr.

Casey Terrell Griffin

Kathryn Paige Krinsman

Sydnee Mae Lindblom

Calvin Thomas Lutz

Dylan James Markovic

Lily Sage Rosenthal

Frances Drury Selden

Emma Claire Strickler

Lewis Christopher Williams-Gray

Christopher Warren Wright II

Chao "Alex" Zheng

#### Other Participants

Marshals

Laurie A. Finke, Senior Marshal,

Professor of Women's and Gender Studies

Katherine S. Corker,

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Samuel G. Filkins,

Assistant Director of Student Activities for Leadership

Lacey E. Filkins,

Assistant Director of New Student Orientation and

Community Programs

Christopher M. Gillen,

Professor of Biology

Jeanne H. Griggs,

Director, Writing Center

Joseph M. Murphy,

Director, Center for Innovative Pedagogy

Kimmarie A. Murphy,

Associate Professor of Anthropology

Jami E. Peelle,

Faculty Grants and Fellowships Coordinator

Celso M. Villegas,

Assistant Professor of Sociology

Hood Marshals

Jessen A. Book,

Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach

Alexandra E. Compton,

Director of Regional Events

Philip "PJ" Glandon,

Assistant Professor of Economics

Samantha J. Hughes,

Director, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Venetta "Tacci" Smith,

Associate Dean of Students

#### Flagbearers

Sarah Elizabeth Adrianowycz, Class of 2016

James Kaleb Barber, Class of 2016

Phoebe Bay Carter, Class of 2017

Damaris "September" Garduno, Class of 2015

Christopher Kei Helm, Class of 2016

Ricardo Wollenschleger Pereira, Class of 2016

#### Pealers

Conor Hugh Dugan, Class of 2015

Callan Marie Schackor, Class of 2017

Daniel Patrick Schlather, Class of 2017

#### **Honorary Degrees**

#### **Doctor of Humane Letters**

Joseph Alan Adler Professor of Asian Studies and Religious Studies

Presented by Ennis B. Edmonds Associate Professor of Religious Studies

Joseph Adler, desiring to pursue a career in science, you majored in biology at the University of Rochester. But then something of an epiphany changed your life. You discovered the religious traditions of China, moved across the country, and pursued graduate studies in Chinese religions, language, and culture at the University of California's Santa Barbara and Berkeley campuses, earning masters and doctoral degrees. Your published scholarship has been bookended by Zhu Xi—at one end, your dissertation on his understanding of the I Ching; at the other, your most recent book, Reconstructing the Confucian Dao: Zhu Xi's Appropriation of Zhou Dunyi. In between, you authored Chinese Religious Traditions and *Introduction to the Study of the Classic of Change*, co-authored Sung Dynasty Uses of the I Ching, and shared your insights through numerous scholarly articles and academic presentations. In 1991, you founded the Confucian Traditions Group of the American Academy of Religion and chaired or cochaired that group until 2000. Your twenty-seven years at Kenyon have immeasurably enriched generations of students and our academic community, especially the Department of Religious Studies and the Asian Studies Program. Your classes in Buddhism and Chinese and Japanese religions were often the stimuli for students' decisions to major in religious studies. Your contributions to Asian studies will long remain, especially your work in creating the program's joint major. In addition to pursuing personal interests, you plan to continue your research agenda in your retirement. May your qi flow, and may the Dao be with you.

#### **Doctor of Laws**

Teri Kuhlman Blanchard Associate Vice President for Finance (retired); Finance Advisor; Visiting Instructor of Economics

Presented by Joseph G. Nelson *Vice President for Finance* 

Teri Blanchard, you have added value to everything you have touched in your thirty years at Kenyon College. Beginning in 1984 as senior accountant, rising to controller in 1987, and then taking on the newly created role of associate vice president for finance in 2000, you have demonstrated a consistent knack for identifying problems, potential problems, and opportunities and finding ways to turn them to the Kenyon's advantage. You have been a sophisticated budget planner, helping the College to develop a series of well-informed and precisely structured five-year models and to realize thirty of its forty-four consecutive balanced budgets, a record of which it is justifiably proud. You have also been a thoughtful and resourceful colleague, always ready to pitch in when the need arose, even if that meant grabbing a screwdriver and assembling

your office's IBM dual floppy-disk PC, the first on the Kenyon campus back in the 1980s. The ethical standards to which you adhere have permeated the Finance Division's operations, just as they have guided the oversight of our nationally recognized endowment-investment and tax-exempt-debt programs. Your friends were both proud and unsurprised when the College's economics department called upon you to teach accounting in your so-called retirement, which we hope will continue to be both productive and satisfying. In the Kenyon way, we leave you now with a Latin phrase, one that describes you and your work to the proverbial T: *Di omnium rerum praestantia excellentes*—In all things, a superior excellence.

#### **Doctor of Letters**

William McGuire Bryson Writer

Presented by Haruhiko Itagaki *Professor of Biology* 

Bill Bryson, you have traveled the world, both physical and of the mind, taking us along in some twenty books over forty years. It has been quite a trip! You have written widely, from wonderful tales about your adventures in Europe, Australia, and your beloved adopted home, Britain, to a recounting of what it's like to come back to the United States after an extended stay abroad. You've also written about hiking the Appalachian Trail with a childhood friend, doing so with such humor that a Kenyon colleague talks about reading A Walk in the Woods aloud to his family and being repeatedly asked by his daughter to stop reading so she could collect her breath from laughing so hard. In your memoir of growing up in Des Moines in the 1950s, the fondness with which you see that time resonates with many of us, as it relives a more innocent time when childhood had fewer expectations and invited a more active imagination. Through all these books, your Midwestern niceness comes through, as well as your deep curiosity and a childlike sense of wonder about all things, from the English language to Shakespeare to the evolution of the modern house to the Royal Society to, well, the "History of Everything." At Kenyon, we see insatiable curiosity as being at the core of a liberally educated person; in you, we see the epitome of that ideal. For this, and all the enjoyment you've given us with your books, we honor you today.

#### **Doctor of Science**

Earl Raymond Heithaus

Professor Emeritus of Environmental Science and Biology; Naturalist, Brown Family Environmental Center

Presented by M. Siobhan Fennessy Sheila and Philip Jordan Jr. Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology; Director, Brown Family Environmental Center

Ray Heithaus, you spent over three decades teaching at Kenyon, imbuing students and fellow faculty members alike with your passion for the natural world and the laws that govern it. A graduate of Kenyon, you returned after completing a doctorate at Stanford, conducting tropical ecology research in Costa Rica, and teaching at Northwestern. You challenged your students to think rigorously and connect their classroom education in ecological theory with the wonders of the world outside their doors. Your inexhaustible creativity and clear vision have shaped the College in myriad ways, beginning with your proposal for Kenyon's now signature Summer Science Scholars Program, which integrates the sciences into a bona fide research community and guarantees that students, regardless of means, can participate in the exhilarating work of scientific discovery. In response to pressures on our rural landscape, you helped found the College's Brown Family Environmental Center in 1995, a 480-acre preserve with the singular mission of preserving the natural diversity of the Kokosing River Valley. And we have you to thank for leading the major curriculum review that established Kenyon's language and quantitative-reasoning requirements, enhancing the rigor of our programs. Throughout, students have been your priority, as you have sought to awaken in them a life-long desire to engage with ideas while involving them in your research interests, which range from ants, bats, and bluebirds to forest plants. Guided by your passion for what essayist Wendell Berry has called the "real work of planet-saving," you have left us a large legacy. For that, and much more, we are grateful.

#### **Doctor of Science**

Patricia Smith Heithaus Instructor of Biology

Presented by Wade H. Powell *Professor of Biology* 

Patricia Smith Heithaus, for three decades you have served the College and our community in diverse and devoted fashion. With two young sons in tow, you spent the early years running the biology research camp in West Virginia, sleeping all summer in tents and cooking for the teams on open fires, and you later served for fourteen years as office manager for *Biotropica*, an international journal of tropical ecology. But your greatest fame on campus was earned on the faculty, as long-time director of the introductory biology laboratories. From forestry to fisheries, physiology to forensics, you developed dozens of teaching modules to educate students in experimental design, quantitative analysis, and scientific writing, and you spearheaded the integration of statistical software into the earliest stages of our life-sciences curriculum. Ever the active scientist, you mentored scores of lab students in their independent research and collaborated with your husband, Ray Heithaus,

in all his scholarship. You contributed hundreds of volunteer hours to the establishment and maintenance of the wildlife gardens at the Brown Family Environmental Center and served on the center's first advisory board. Your extraordinary teaching and service career has been characterized throughout by a fierce devotion to the welfare of your students, both intellectual and emotional. And so you will be remembered, especially by the numerous junior faculty members whom you mentored in their early semesters of teaching introductory biology, by your oft-repeated motto: "Nine-tenths of education is encouragement."

#### **Doctor of Humane Letters**

James Allen Steen
Head Swimming Coach (retired); Senior Program Advisor
Timothy Baker Shutt
Professor of Humanities

There's no doubt about it: In your chosen field you are one of the greatest, ever. For more than a third of a century, your influence on Kenyon student-athletes has been incalculable; your influence on the sport of swimming, nearly as great. And no one has ever remotely approached your record in coaching National Collegiate Athletic Association teams to national championships. Fifty-plus titles: utterly unparalleled. How did you do it? Total commitment and all-consuming passion. It was never about the accolades or victories. It was about doing the best you could do and helping others to do the best they could do. Often, your awed and sometimes skeptical peers have asked, "What is the secret? What is the cost?" The answer: everything and nothing. Everything, because your energy and commitment were (and are) tireless. Nothing, because from beginning to end it has been a whole-hearted labor of love. You are a master of the technicalities of the sport—understanding, for example, that maximal intensity in training is actually counterproductive as an end in itself. The relevant end is attaining the best possible performance at the most important venue. And in the art of leading your swimmers to achieve that end, you have displayed true genius. But beyond all that, swimming for Coach Steen has always been a sort of moral education. Coach Steen has the almost hallucinatory skill of looking you in the eye and sternly, but benignly, forcing you to confront your weaknesses, self-delusions, and excuses: to see yourself, then make yourself better. "Total performance" has been the mantra. Total performance indeed.

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

Rayan Michael Abboud, Mathematics

Daniel Chukuemeka Akuma, magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Neuroscience

Myles Harris Alderman III, Biology

Nicholas Samuel Alimam, Economics, Political Science, in absentia

Jordi Alonso, English

Arthur John Althans III, *Economics* 

Miguel Federico Alvarez-Flatow, Film, Spanish, in absentia

Nicholas Edward Anania, Studio Art

Alexandra Elizabeth Anderson, Economics, English

Autumn Rose Anderson, International Studies

Lauren Eleanor Anderson, cum laude, Psychology

Samuel James Anderson, cum laude, English\*

Gregory Brian Andreoli, Biology, Economics

Rosalyn Elizabeth Aquila, magna cum laude, Anthropology Sandro Nestor Aravena Perez, Dance, Modern Languages and Literatures

David Alejandro Arcibar, *History* 

Zachary Vincent Arlia, cum laude, Economics

Margaret Victoria Armstrong, Psychology

Brandylyn Laneise Arredondo, summa cum laude, Anthropology

Zachary Foss Auteri, Political Science

Devon Rose Bacso, magna cum laude, English

Hallie Sophie Bahn, cum laude, Studio Art\*

Sara Maria Baicker-McKee, cum laude, Neuroscience

Kyle Shawn Bailey, Biology, in absentia

William John Bailey, Mathematics

Alexandra Nina Bair, English

Adam Garnett Baker, English, Philosophy

Katherine Michelle Baker, English

Ryan Thomas Baker, International Studies

Anna Marie Bammerlin, summa cum laude, International Studies\*

Mary Julia Bank, English, Sociology

Corey Atticus Barber-Bockelman, Psychology

Derek Thomas Bauer, magna cum laude, Honors in Economics

John Warren Beaulieu, Economics, Political Science

Hannah Francis Beckerman, cum laude, Sociology

Alexander Lu Beckwith, magna cum laude, High Honors in Mathematics

Bryce Samson Behar, Economics

Cameron Anthony Bell, Political Science

Andres Benavides, magna cum laude, Economics

Lauren Cara Berke, cum laude, High Honors in Political Science

Samantha Slade Betts, Neuroscience

Nischay Kishan Bhan, cum laude, Art History, English

Narjala Sandhya Bhasker, cum laude, History, Neuroscience

Rehan Bhatti, *History* 

Rachel Mary Bishop, cum laude, History

Kathryn Leigh Blake, cum laude, International Studies

Margaret Mary Boelter, Sociology

Peter Eric Bogdanich, History

Kelly Minnette Boland, magna cum laude, Neuroscience

Molly Rose Bondy, magna cum laude, Art History

William David Brackett II, American Studies

Patrick Chaise Brady, *Psychology* 

Heather Penelope Brennan, English

Frank Halstead Brown IV, Economics, Modern Languages and Literatures

Stuart Brumitt Brown, cum laude, Economics\*

Tory McLaughlin Bruch, International Studies

Alexandra Rose Bruschi, magna cum laude, Political Science\*

Angela Rose Bryan-Brown, English

Michael Logan Bullister, Music

Adam Jonathan Bulmash, cum laude, Political Science

Samuel Spaulding Bumcrot, Mathematics

Michael Lewis Burten, *Philosophy* 

Carolyn Rose Campbell, cum laude, Psychology, in absentia Neil Gribben Campbell, summa cum laude, High Honors in

Physics, Mathematics

Brendan Walker Casey, American Studies

Antonio Patrick Cataldo, Film

Dylan James Chapman, Political Science

Elizabeth Oakley Cheever, Political Science

Abigail Ellen Cheney, cum laude, Studio Art

Andrew Thomas Chevalier, summa cum laude, Chemistry

Jamar Malik Chichester, American Studies

John Matthew Ciecka, summa cum laude, Philosophy\*

Sarah Morgan Cohen-Smith, Studio Art

Samuel Crane Colt, History

Rafael Contreras Rangel, Biology

Lindsey Elsbeth Corbett, magna cum laude, Joint Major in Art

History and Asian Studies\*

Joseph Streng Cordle, *Anthropology* Melanie Ruth Couchman, Economics

Bradley Robert Couts, Economics, Political Science

Annette Covrigaru, English

Bradley David Cowan, Economics

Carl Tetsuo Crow, Political Science

Gregory Thomas Culley, cum laude, Art History, Drama\*

Rachel Mantell Cunningham, magna cum laude, Drama

Tracy Marie Curtin, cum laude, Psychology\*

Megan Rose Darnell, Anthropology, Dance

Ryan Andrew Darragh, magna cum laude, Mathematics\*, Physics

Eden Walker Deering, Art History

Mary Elizabeth Defer, Studio Art\*

Sierra Denise DeLeon, Sociology

Lara DelPiano, cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures

Cassandra Lynn Dempwolf, English\*

Katharina Devitofranceschi, cum laude, Anthropology, Biology\*

Skya Soleil Diaz, Religious Studies

Kelsey Taylor Dillon, High Honors in Molecular Biology

Madeleine Tarr Donahue, Studio Art

Grayson Marie Donley, Biology

Devon Ann Donohue, Music

Carlos Eduardo Dorenbaum, *Philosophy* 

Ryan Alexander Drake, Drama

Aaron James Dripps, Psychology\*

Daniel Lawrence Druffel, magna cum laude, Chemistry\*

Lana Rachel Dubin, Anthropology, Studio Art

Haley Lauren Dugan, cum laude, Molecular Biology

Max Johnson Dugan, magna cum laude, Highest Honors in

Religious Studies

Padraig Micheal Duna, French, Music\* Evan Marion Dusthimer, Philosophy

Claire Renee Dutton, magna cum laude, Psychology\*

Catherine Elizabeth Dwyer, Political Science

Samuel Colton Ebert, Studio Art

Elise Economy, Studio Art

Caroline Elizabeth Ehinger, Political Science

Madeline Suzanne Elkus, magna cum laude, Anthropology

Nathaniel David Enelow, Psychology

Eric Gavin Engelbrecht, Highest Honors in Molecular Biology Zolzaya Erdenebileg, cum laude, Economics, International Studies

David Leonard Espey, *History* 

Emily Michelle Estus, magna cum laude, Economics\*, International Studies

Charlotte Martha Fabe, cum laude, English

Lauren Elizabeth Faccinto, magna cum laude, Sociology\*

Patience Walker Fairbrother, Psychology\*

Matthew Edward Faller, English

Peter Michael Falls, English

Virginia Ana Falzon, Art History

Adam Walker Federman, Film, History

Alissa Catharine Feirson, cum laude, English

Brett Benjamin Field, cum laude, Economics

Regan Danielle Fink, magna cum laude, Sociology

Andrew Edward Firestone, High Honors in American Studies

Sydney Alexandra Fishman, Art History

Julia Kathleen Flessel, Political Science

Rachel Ashli Flinn, Spanish

Caleb Martin Florence, Economics

David Weston Floyd, summa cum laude, High Honors in

Anthropology, Religious Studies\* Alistair Ian Flynn, Economics, Spanish

Kate Lynne Fraiman, Political Science

Fletcher Jacob Franklin, History

Reed Hamilton Franklin, History

William Stratton Friedlander, Philosophy\*

Meredith Robertson Friel, Art History

Rebecca Lucy Frisch, cum laude, Drama\*

Peter Christian Frost, magna cum laude, Art History\*, English\* Jameyanne Italiano Fuller, summa cum laude, High Honors in English

Jeremy Ward Fuller, summa cum laude, Political Science

Carlo Thomas Gagliardo, Economics, in absentia

Michael Patrick Gallaher, Biology

Elizabeth Griggs Gambal, Drama

Martha Mae Gavinski, magna cum laude, Classics

Eric Jonathan Geller, cum laude, Political Science

Connor Michael Gilbride, cum laude, History

Stuart Adam Giles, Music, Psychology\*

Andrew Whitbread Gilligan, Economics

Gabrielle Annelise Giomini, magna cum laude, Psychology\*

Caroline Newhall Glaenzer, *History* 

Adrianne Glascock, Sociology

Darko Gligorovski, Honors in German, Political Science

Alyssa Kyli Goergen, Neuroscience, Spanish

Molly Hobbs Goolman, magna cum laude, Biology, History Rebecca Sara Gorin, magna cum laude, International Studies\*,

Spanish\*

Kathryn Elizabeth Gourley-Kern, magna cum laude, English\* Sean Steve Grant Jr., Economics Jonathan Isaac Green, cum laude, High Honors in Political Science

Shelby Marissa Green, Drama

Charlotte Goodhew Greene, Art History

Morgan Emily Greer, Chemistry

Casey Terrell Griffin, cum laude, Highest Honors in American Studies\*, Drama

Brian Matthew Gross, Political Science

Susan Brooks Gurzenda, cum laude, Economics, International Studies

Sydney Elizabeth Gutberlet, Psychology, in absentia

Rebecca Claire Guttentag, Sociology

Rodrigo Guzman-Sanchez, History, in absentia

Rebecca Sarah Hafter, cum laude, Sociology

Lyra Rachel Marie Hall, *Biochemistry*\*

Martha White Hamilton, Biochemistry

Mark Michael Harden Jr., summa cum laude, Highest Honors in Molecular Biology\*

Michael David Harris, Music

William Wells Harrison, English\*

Marissa Lynn Hartman, cum laude, Music

Taylor Jeffery Hartwell, Music, Political Science

Benjamin Joseph Hayden, Biology

Michael Jakob Hayes, cum laude, German, Political Science

Douglas Alan Healy, Drama

Preston Patterson Heck II, History

Natalie Thielen Helper, magna cum laude, Highest Honors in English

Conor Michael Hennessey, magna cum laude, History

William Barksdale Herrick, Film\*

Caroline Lily Hesse, Religious Studies

Tess Mackenzie Hilliard, magna cum laude, Classics\*

Maureen Elizabeth Hirt, cum laude, Economics, Psychology\*

Addisu Sintayehu Hodes, Economics, International Studies

Claire Elizabeth Hodgdon, Psychology\*

Paul Joseph Hoehn, cum laude, Highest Honors in German

Robert Dana Hoehn-Saric, American Studies

Simon Mathias Hoellerbauer, summa cum laude, High Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures, Political Science

Ellen Paige Hoffman, cum laude, Women's and Gender Studies

Leland Taylor Holcomb, Political Science

Mary Louise Hollyman, cum laude, English\*

Kisky Luella Holwerda, cum laude, Drama

Charlotte Alexandra Horsey, magna cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures\*

David James Hoyt, cum laude, Political Science

Weining Hu, Mathematics

William Walker Hudobenko, Biology, Political Science

Benjamin David Huizinga, Psychology

Annie Juliet Hulkower, English

Harry James Hurley, cum laude, High Honors in Biochemistry

Nikhil Shivkumar Idnani, Economics

Benjamin Austin Jacoby, Political Science

Poorva Jalan, *Psychology* 

Nathaniel John Jamison-Root, English

Isaac Peter Jay, Psychology

Grant Rose Jenkins, magna cum laude, Economics, Mathematics

Bailey Dayton Johns, Dance

Noah Angus Johnson, cum laude, Studio Art, English

Keith Dalton Jones, Psychology\*

Jane MacCray Jongeward, magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Synoptic Major: Renaissance Literature in Performance\* Alexander Henry Jordan, English\*

Grant Shelton Jossi, cum laude, English\*

Sarah Jane Kahwash, summa cum laude, Economics, Modern Languages and Literatures

Maxwell Sperry Kalifut, magna cum laude, Music\*

Chelsey Lorynn Kanipe, *Psychology* 

Samuel Eliot Kaplan, Molecular Biology

Bronte Louise Kastenberg, Anthropology

Chelsea Charline Katzeman, Psychology

Rebecca Claire Katzman, cum laude, Sociology

Jacob Sol Kaufman, Film

Spencer Ryan Kaye, American Studies, Political Science

Shannon Patricia Kelley, magna cum laude, Film

Michael Tristan Kengmana, cum laude, Highest Honors in History

Ian Padraic Conway Kenison, Political Science

Madison Estella Kerr, cum laude, Economics

Madeleine Minju Kim, Modern Languages and Literatures

Christopher Paul King, Economics

Gillian Susan King, Film

Daniel Perry Kipp, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies

Kelsey Ann Kiser, International Studies

Taryn Lela Kittel, cum laude, Anthropology, Physics

Thea Hobby Kohout, Women's and Gender Studies

James Atticus Koontz, Economics

Benjamin Argenta Kress, cum laude, Drama, Psychology

Kathryn Paige Krinsman, magna cum laude, International Studies

Nicole Marie Krzeminski, magna cum laude, Dance, Psychology

Stephanie Gabriela Ladman, International Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures\*

Katherine Ann Lang, Biology

Jessica Ohmart Laurin, summa cum laude, Political Science

Alana Grace Lawson, Sociology

Brian Malcolm Lebowitz, Economics

Junyoung Lee, Mathematics, in absentia

Allison Beth Lembo, Drama

Isis Alta Leonard, cum laude, English

Maren Louise Less, Studio Art

Carolyn Klein Levine, International Studies

Russell Morris Levine, *Philosophy* 

Emma Grace Lewis, cum laude, Sociology

Jessica Michal Lieberman, magna cum laude, Highest Honors in English

Sydnee Mae Lindblom, magna cum laude, Classics, English Catherine Perkins Lloyd, cum laude, International Studies

Yue Long, magna cum laude, Mathematics

Schuyler Alexander Longmore, cum laude, History\*

Samuel Lee Loomis, History

Nathaniel William Lotze, cum laude, English

Chenery Louise Turtle Lowe, magna cum laude, French\*

William Robbins Lowe, *History* 

Calvin Thomas Lutz, Economics

Aaron Lee Singer Lynn, magna cum laude, Drama

Ryan Chapin Mach, English

Gena Edelson Madory, cum laude, Spanish\*

Genevieve Rose Malkin, Economics

Darci Kayla Marcum, *History* 

Natalie Claire Margolin, Drama

Ana Maricic, magna cum laude, Anthropology

Dylan James Markovic, magna cum laude, German\*, Political Science

Leslie Ann Martin, cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures\*, Political Science

Michael George Marting Jr., cum laude, Economics\*

Nicholas Marlin Massa, Neuroscience

Noa Caroline Matson, magna cum laude, Psychology\*

Scott Adam Matus, Political Science

Andrew Vincent Maurer, Biochemistry

David Caeser McCabe, Political Science\*

Molly Rebekah McCleary, magna cum laude, Neuroscience\* Morgan Kate McClure, cum laude, International Studies

Marielle Elizabeth McDonagh, magna cum laude, Chemistry

Rebecca Ellen McElfish, magna cum laude, English

James Patrick McElyea, magna cum laude, Economics

Brendan West McGoldrick, Economics

Irene Elisibeth Iona McIntosh, Biology, in absentia

Jack Kenneth McKenzie, Political Science

Lara Michelle McMahon, Political Science

Kelsey Lynn McMurtry, Biology

Samuel Andrew McQuiston, Biology

Andrew Joseph Meek, Economics

Emily Lyda Menton, cum laude, Neuroscience

John Mershon, summa cum laude, Biology\*

Kristina Miklavic, magna cum laude, Philosophy\*, Psychology

Caroline Todd Miller, International Studies

Perry Jeanne Minella, cum laude, Anthropology

Lily Behr Moaba, magna cum laude, Psychology\*

Grace Gardiner Molloy, cum laude, Synoptic Major:

Comparative Literature: Religious Poetry\*

Dulce Montoya, History

Amy Mae Morgan, Biology

Zachary Taylor Morrow, cum laude, Molecular Biology

Daniel Graham Muller, Economics

Emma Elizabeth Munger, cum laude, Music\*

Kathryn Elizabeth Myers, Synoptic Major: Performing Arts Administration

Anu Nael, Drama

Maria Jose Narvaez, Biology\*

Abraham Clardy Nelson, magna cum laude, Political Science Benjamin Loomis Neuhaus, magna cum laude, Honors in Political Science

Alexander Stephen New, magna cum laude, Mathematics\*, Physics

Nguyen The Linh Bao, cum laude, Economics\*, International Studies

Steven Litzelman Nisi, Religious Studies, Spanish

Catherine Clare Novack, magna cum laude, Joint Major in Modern Languages and Literatures and Asian Studies\*

Ikenna Christopher Nwadibia, American Studies

Andrea Marie Odegaard, magna cum laude, Highest Honors in History

Rebecca Elizabeth Ogus, magna cum laude, Women's and Gender Studies\*

Josiah Taylor Olson, magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Economics\*, Mathematics

Oluremi Sophia Olufemi, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies

Rebecca Molly Kessler Oran, cum laude, Psychology\* Jenny Sophia Katerina Osman, cum laude, International Studies Julia Roth Papale, *History* 

Alexander Catlin Parker, English

Andrew Lars Parmelee, Biology

Julian Kirtzman Pavlin, *cum laude*, *Economics*, *Psychology* Caroline Cureton Pearl, *magna cum laude*, *Psychology*\*

Emma Brenden Peaslee, cum laude, High Honors in American Studies

Jeremy Matthew Peck, magna cum laude, Joint Major in Religious Studies and Asian Studies

Anna Victoria Peery, Sociology

Mithzy Denisse Pena, Biochemistry

Richard Robinson Pera, cum laude, Political Science

Ian Forrest Perrone, cum laude, Biology

Alexandra Lea Pettrone, International Studies, in absentia

Lucy Ann Phillips, cum laude, International Studies

Dyer Day Pierce, Drama

Katherine Marie Poinsatte, English

Teresa May Postema, magna cum laude, Political Science, Spanish

Aubrey Michael Powers, Economics, History

Ethan James Primason, Anthropology

Victor Mercury Progar, Biology

William Entenza Quam, cum laude, Drama

Caitlin Bridget Ramirez, Sociology

Max Landon Rappoport, Philosophy, Political Science

Daniel Bogar Rasch, magna cum laude, Philosophy\*

Bryce Alexander Raz, Economics, International Studies

Solomon Heinrich Reisberg, summa cum laude, Chemistry\*

Kelsey Taylor Rice, magna cum laude, Studio Art, English

Calvin Garrett Richards, Economics

Gina Teresa Rickert, Neuroscience

Eleanor Grace Ritchie, cum laude, Honors in Economics\*

Montreaux Alexander Rodgers, Economics

Edward Pierre Rodrigue, summa cum laude, Economics

Luke Ervin Rogers, Political Science

Maria Elizabeth Rogers, magna cum laude, Political Science James H. Roll, History

Gabriel Malvin Simon Rom, Political Science

Emily Katherine Rose, magna cum laude, Neuroscience\*

Ryan Douglas Rosen, Economics

Lily Sage Rosenthal, cum laude, Psychology\*

Margaret Fogelin Rosenthal, magna cum laude, Anthropology\*

Samuel Charles J. Ross, cum laude, Political Science

Laura Frances Rothman, English

Phoebe Kaimal Rotter, cum laude, Art History

Kathryn Anne Rumizen, cum laude, Psychology

Asher Reynolds Russem, Political Science

Taylor Anne Russi, Economics

Rhodes Daniel Sabangan, Music

Olivia Lauren Sabik, magna cum laude, Chemistry\*

Emma Winter Sajsa, magna cum laude, Music\*

Sarah Ashby Schiller, Economics

Allyson Mackenzie Schmaling, magna cum laude, Music\*

Drew M. Schmid, cum laude, International Studies

Hailey Louise Schneider, *Biology* 

Patrick Jacob Schober, cum laude, English\*, in absentia

Benjamin Vaughn Schoenek, Physics

Glynis Katherine Schumacher, magna cum laude, Synoptic

Major: Chemical Physics

Mary Scott, International Studies

Joshua Morgan Segal, cum laude, Drama, Political Science

William Arthur Seidel, History

Frances Drury Selden, English

Robert James Sellers, cum laude, Neuroscience

Elise Margaret Shattuck, magna cum laude, Studio Art

Lena Isabella Shefelman, International Studies\*

Dai Shen, summa cum laude, Chemistry

Joshua Reed Sherman, cum laude, Religious Studies

McKinley Jeffers Sherrod, magna cum laude, Sociology\*,

Women's and Gender Studies

Jennette Marie Shoots, magna cum laude, High Honors in Molecular Biology\*

Katy Rose Siegel, cum laude, Anthropology

Olivia Faye Siulagi, Psychology\*

Gordon Alexander Slater, High Honors in English

Tyann Rose Smith, magna cum laude, Sociology\*

Tyler Randall Smith, Biology

Daniel Harry Solway, Film

Amanda Nicole Somekh, Psychology

Rachel Thira Spraos, History

Daniel Bowers Sproull, Economics

Isabella Marie Stachowski, cum laude, International Studies, in absentia

Alexandra Victoria Stamatoiu, Biology

Sam Zimmer Standing, Religious Studies

Natalie Anne Staples, cum laude, English\*

Caroline Ann Steele, Film

Benjamin Holder Steiner, cum laude, Philosophy

Bethany Jean Stephens, cum laude, Studio Art

Tyler Evon Sterling, Political Science

Sally Christine Steuterman, cum laude, Chemistry

Sandra Marie Stibitz, cum laude, Highest Honors in American Studies\*

Christian James Stoll, Philosophy\*

Aaron Jon Stone, summa cum laude, Highest Honors in English

Kerry Dylan Joanne Strader, cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures\*

Emma Claire Strickler, cum laude, History

Kolin Walker Sullivan, Economics, in absentia

Simon Nicholas Szybist, Philosophy, in absentia

Kaylyn Michelle Talkington, cum laude, Political Science, Religious Studies

Benjamin Schear Tanoff, cum laude, Economics, Mathematics

Allyson Talley Taylor, Sociology

Samuel Dumont Taylor, English, in absentia

Dianne Jane Thoensen, American Studies

Jasmine Desiree Thomas, English

Reina Janelle Thomas, High Honors in American Studies

Elisabeth Louise Thoreson-Green, summa cum laude,

International Studies, Spanish\*

Erika Caitlin Thorn, Psychology

Jake Alexander Thorn, magna cum laude, English

Julia Novello Tidona, magna cum laude, Economics, Psychology

Margaret Webb Tilson, cum laude, Anthropology

Eleanor Klaw Tomlinson, Studio Art\*

Lauren Marie Ghianni Toole, cum laude, English

Justin Maine Top, Economics

Emily Davenport Torrey, Studio Art\*

Matthew Courtney Treuth Jr., cum laude, Honors in Economics\*

Emily Jane Tysinger, Biology

Nicole Christine Valentini, *Biology* 

David Mark Vance, cum laude, English

Alexa Isabella Vasios, cum laude, International Studies Cameron Davis Ventling, American Studies Kelsey Erin Vogt, cum laude, English\*, Psychology\* Mara Rose Vulgamore, Philosophy Carter Page Walker, Modern Languages and Literatures\*

Carter Page Walker, Modern Languages and Literatures\*
Hanna Elizabeth Washburn, magna cum laude, Studio Art\*,
English\*

Daniel Gregory Waters, cum laude, Economics
Sydney Jill Watnick, American Studies\*, Studio Art
Scott Craig Watters, cum laude, Molecular Biology
Anna Cleary Watts, summa cum laude, English\*
Jordan Richard Wehner, Chemistry
Justin Burton Weidner, Philosophy
Oren Matthew Weingrod, magna cum laude, Philosophy\*
Rebecca Anne Weiser, cum laude, Anthropology
Catherine Mary Weitzel, magna cum laude, Anthropology,

Adam Clay Wescott, English

in absentia

Caroline Mary Whitcomb, cum laude, English, Spanish\*
Audrey Ella April White, magna cum laude, Biology\*
Elizabeth Anne Whittlesey, cum laude, International Studies
Hugh Samuel Wilkofsky, English

Jenna Marie Willett, *cum laude, Studio Art* Lewis Christopher Williams Gray, *History* 

Jacob Zane Williams, magna cum laude, Mathematics

Lamont Kyle Williams, *Psychology* Lauren Nichole Wolfe, *Sociology* 

Christopher Warren Wright II, *Biochemistry* 

Joseph Say Yeen Wun, magna cum laude, English

Anabel Yahuitl Garcia, cum laude, Anthropology, Women's and Gender Studies

Hillary Kerr Yarosh, Economics

Anna Mary Yie, cum laude, Biology

Melek Yildiz Spinel, magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Psychology

Sophie Madeline Yolowitz, *magna cum laude, Studio Art* Allyson Hackett Young, *cum laude, English\** 

Raquel Zanoni, magna cum laude, Economics, International  $Studies^*$ 

Chao Zheng, Political Science

Nina Angela Zimmerman, magna cum laude, Honors in American Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures\*

Anna Sophia Ziton, magna cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures\*

Lily Aletta Zwaan, cum laude, Religious Studies

#### **Graduation Honors**

*Collegiate and Departmental Honors.* The degree with collegiate honors is achieved by attaining a cumulative grade-point average within the following ranges:

3.50-3.69, cum laude;

3.70-3.89, magna cum laude;

3.90 and above, summa cum laude.

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

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

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Chapter of Ohio. Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest Greek-letter fraternity in the country, was founded in 1776. The Kenyon chapter was organized in 1858 as an honorary society dedicated to the recognition of scholarly achievement. It is the fourteenth in age of 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 exercise with distinction.

#### **Honors Day 2014**

Outstanding Kenyon students and faculty members, along with two distinguished alumni, were recognized at the College's annual Honors Day Convocation on April 9.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Allison E. Joseph '88, for her achievements as a poet, editor, and professor of creative writing at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and to Stephen H. Zinder '72, for his accomplishments as a microbiologist and professor at Cornell University.

In addition, two faculty members were awarded \$5,000 each as recipients of the 2014 Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards. Recognized for their superior work were Associate Professor of Classics Zoe S. Kontes in the junior-faculty category and Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Humanities Katherine "Kate" Elkins in the senior category.

Unless noted, winners are members of the Class of 2014.

#### Fellowships and Awards

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellowship Anna Marie Bammerlin

Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies Reina Janelle Thomas

Fulbright Fellowship
Lindsey Elsbeth Corbett
Nathan Clark Crist, Class of 2012
Jameyanne Italiano Fuller
Paul Joseph Hoehn
Sarah Jane Kahwash
Emma Grace Lewis
Catherine Clare Novack
Aubrey Michael Powers
Elisabeth Louise Thoreson-Green
Charlotte Bea Woolf, Class of 2012

Elmer A. Graham Scholarship Olubusola Onyedikachi Olukoya, Class of 2015

*Eppa Rixey III Memorial Scholarship* Samuel August Justice, Class of 2015

#### **Departmental Prizes**

#### **American Studies**

The William B. Scott Award Brett Alyson Miller, Class of 2015

#### Anthropology

The Margaret Mead Award Rosalyn Elizabeth Aquila

#### Art

The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award in Art Hallie Sophie Bahn Mary Elizabeth Defer Sophie Madeline Yolowitz

The Richard Kingan Liggitt Memorial Award in Art History Molly Rose Bondi, Class of 2015 Peter Christian Frost, Class of 2015

The Peterson Prize Noah Angus Johnson Hanna Elizabeth Washburn

#### **Biology**

The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize Mark Michael Harden Jennette Marie Shoots

The Dorothy E. and Thomas C. Jegla Prize

Kaitlin Emma Creamer, Class of 2016 James Stewart Currie, Class of 2016

The Maxwell Elliott Power Prize
Daniel Chukuemeka Akuma
Eric Gavin Engelbrecht

#### Chemistry

The Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award Erika Lynn Jensen, Class of 2017

The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry Dai Shen

The Gordon L. Johnson Research Prize in Chemistry Daniel Lawrence Druffel Olivia Lauren Sabik

#### Classics

The Carl Diehl Prize Nicholas Davis Martin, Class of 2017 Daniel Patrick Schlather, Class of 2017

#### **Economics**

The Paul Titus Economics Prize Josiah Taylor Olson

#### **English**

The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship Lemanuel Loley, Class of 2016

Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award Jameyanne Italiano Fuller Jessica Michal Lieberman Aaron Jon Stone

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Junior Prize

Claire Mathews Brautigam, Class of 2015

Samuel McCarthy Teeter, Class of 2015

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Memorial Prize

Kathryn Elizabeth Gourley-Kern Anna Cleary Watts

#### **History**

The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize Anna Marie Walley, Class of 2015

The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize Conor Michael Hennessey Nathaniel Sol Katz, Class of 2015

The Curtis A. Seichter Memorial Award Conor Michael Hennessey Nathaniel Sol Katz, Class of 2015

#### **Integrated Program in Humane Studies**

The Richard F. Hettlinger Award Sydnee Mae Lindblom Catherine Clare Novak

#### **International Studies**

International Studies Award Anna Marie Bammerlin

#### Mathematics

The Reginald B. Allen Prize Yue Long Alexander Stephen New

The J.R. Butz Mathematics Prize Elizabeth Carlisle Greco

The Solomon R.S. Kasper Prize Ryan Andrew Darragh Josiah Taylor Olson

#### **Modern Languages and Literatures**

The Arabic Prize
Max Johnson Dugan

The Thomas Au '69 and Jack Au '73 Chinese Prize Jeremy Matthew Peck

The Edward Harvey Prize Charlotte Alexandra Horsey The Italian Prize Jameyanne Italiano Fuller Nina Angela Zimmerman

The Japanese Prize Rebecca Claire Guttentag

The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize Paul Joseph Hoehn

The Russian Prize Leslie Ann Martin Anna Sophia Ziton

The Spanish Prize Simon Mathias Hoellerbauer Gena Edelson Madory

The Charles Singer Williams Prize in French
Chenery Louise Turtle Lowe

#### Music

The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award in Music Performance Jonathan Joseph Spiegler, Class of 2013

The David B. Perry Community Service Music Prize Padraig Michael Duna

The David B. Perry Senior Award in Music
Allyson Mackenzie Schmaling

#### Neuroscience

The Jon L. Williams Prize
Daniel Chukuemeka Akuma

#### Philosophy

The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize John Matthew Ciecka

#### **Physics**

The Elbe H. Johnson Prize Eliana Belden Crawford, Class of 2017

#### **Political Science**

The John Chesnut Memorial Prize Benjamin Loomis Neuhaus

The Diamond Storing Award Jonathan Isaac Green

#### Psychology

The Psychology Prize
Tracy Marie Curtin

The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award for Integrative Study
Maureen Elizabeth Hirt

#### **Religious Studies**

The Simpson Prize Max Johnson Dugan

#### Sociology

The Jane Addams Award Rebeccca Claire Katzman

The George Herbert Mead Award Rebecca Sarah Hafter

#### Women's and Gender Studies

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

#### **College Prizes**

The George Gund Award Devon Marie Beeny, Class of 2015 Abraham Clardy Nelson

The George B. Ogden Award Maria Pamela Zarka

The Academy of American Poetry Prize Jessica Michal Lieberman Allyson Hackett Young

The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize Annette Covrigaru Gabriel Malvin Simon Rom Payton Leigh Schlicht

The Propper Prize for Poetry
Rachel Kate Dragos, Class of 2016
Joseph Nathaniel Durham,
Class of 2017

The John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize Timothy Robert Jurney, Class of 2015 Allyson Hackett Young

The Paul Newman Trophy Aaron Lee Singer Lynn

The Joanne Woodward Trophy Rachel Mantell Cunningham

The Ashford Memorial Award for Excellence in Dramatics Molly Rebekah McCleary, Class of 2014

The James E. Michael Prize in Playwriting Ryan Alexander Drake Natalie Claire Margolin

*The Dance Prize* Nicole Marie Krzeminski

The Jess Willard Falkenstine Award Susan Brooks Gurzenda Nathaniel William Lotze The Humanitarian Award Alexandra Peih-sia Britt, Class of 2015

The Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award Andrew Edward Firestone

The Doris B. Crozier Award Michael T. Kengmana David Caeser McCabe

The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup Molly Rebekah McCleary

#### **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 2017 Natalie Louise Solberg Ayers Alana Mae Gale Morgan Cayce Harden Katherine Elizabeth King Alexander Gabriel Kirshy Leslie Melian Taylor

Science Scholars: Class of 2017
Caroline Grace Burley
Theresa Ann Chmiel
Eliana Belden Crawford
Derek Severin Foret
Erika Lynn Jensen
Emma Clark Mairson
Henry Milton Quillian IV
Adam Thomas Ruth
Scott Morris Treiman

#### Trustee Opportunity Scholarships

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

Class of 2017
Gabriel Marie de Leon
Bailey Anne Dominguez
Lydia Rose Felty
Haley Keisha Gabrielle
Nicholas Tang Gutsche
Taylor Lynn Jamil
Subei Reynolds Kyle
Coral Anne Lee
Katherine Grace Leisek
Brianna Jeannette Levesque
Edgar Refugio Martin

Lin Linda Miao Sarah Mai Mohr Aubriana Marie Osorio Jennifer Louise Soberano Panaguiton Jonathan Charles Pang Tayler Alexis Santa Maria Anthony Raymond Tellez Kenyatta Cassandra Marie France Viel Alyssa Rachel Williams

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. Kenyon is among ninety-two participating institutions.

Sandro Aravena Perez, Class of 2014, *Chile* 

Astrid Kristina Linnea Bergman, Class of 2016, Sweden

Darko Gligorovski, Class of 2014, *Macedonia* 

Alexandra Jayne Hansen, Class of 2017, *United States* 

Jon Funder Hansen, Class of 2017, Denmark

Poorva Jalan, Class of 2014, *India* Siu Ting Christopher Kwan,

Class of 2016, *Singapore*Jae June Jason Lee, Class of 2017, *Korea*Adam Gyula Marjai, Class of 2016,

Hungary Bhekimpi Tholoana Mhlanga, Class of 2016, Swaziland

Kristina Miklavic, Class of 2014, Norway

Anu Nael, Class of 2014, Estonia Linh Bao Nguyen, Class of 2014, Vietnam

Natasha M. Siyumbwa, Class of 2017, *Zambia* 

Lucy Eileen Vincent, Class of 2017, England

Polly Wagner, Class of 2016, *Germany* Nina Maria Okita Whittaker,

Class of 2016, Japan

Anabel Yahuitl Garcia, Class of 2014, *Mexico* 

Melek Yildiz Spinel, Class of 2014, Colombia

#### Scholarships Awarded for Current Academic Year

#### The Mastin Scholarship

Oliver Martins DeBarros, Class of 2015

#### **James P. Storer Scholars**

Jason Jonathan Cinti, Class of 2016 Furqan Dar, Class of 2016 Conrad Mark-John Jacober, Class of 2015 Dylan James Markovic, Class of 2014 Elise Margaret Shattuck, Class of 2014

#### John W. Adams Summer Legal Studies Scholars for 2014

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.

Eliza Kelly Fairbrother, Class of 2016 Noah Alexander Gurzenski,

Class of 2017

Grace Jennifer Hitzeman, Class of 2015 Conrad Mark-John Jacober,

Class of 2015

Javier Leung, Class of 2015 Qi Amelia Li, Class of 2015 Kelly Marie Menzel, Class of 2015 Kelsey Luh Randhawa, Class of 2015 Nolan William Reisen, Class of 2015

#### Summer Democracy Scholars Program for 2014

Established by Kenyon College; provides opportunities for students to work in close collaboration with faculty members as full participants on some fundamental question, text, or theme of American liberal democracy. The Democracy Scholars Program is supported by the Class of 1978 Summer Research Fund and the Pamela K. Jensen Faculty Research Fund endowments for the Center for the Study of American Democracy.

Gabriel Robert Brison-Trezise, Class of 2016

#### Summer Scholars in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Established by Kenyon College; provides opportunities for students to work in close collaboration with faculty mentors in the humanities and social sciences as full participants in creating a research plan, executing a research project, and preparing results for presentation in a public forum. This three-year pilot program is funded by the College.

Emily Claire Bulik-Sullivan, Class of 2016 Damaris "September" Garduno, Class of 2015 Nicholas Bertrand Rogers, Class of 2015 Mary Bridget Shannon, Class of 2015 John Cameron Zito, Class of 2016

#### Summer Science Scholars Program for 2014

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

Sarah Elizabeth Adrianowycz, Class of 2016

Edgar Flores Arceo, Class of 2015 Lauren Steckler Bailey, Class of 2016 Robin Lynne Belton, Class of 2016 Theresa Ann Chmiel, Class of 2017 Matthew Wayne Christopher,

Class of 2017

Nicholas Smith Connolly, Class of 2015 Furqan Dar, Class of 2016 Caroline Porter Del Giudice,

Class of 2015

Richard Geoffry Dennis, Class of 2017 Elizabeth Kathryn Eder, Class of 2017 Nathaniel Zane Fox, Class of 2016 Sarah Anne Frantz, Class of 2015 Scott Hull Freeburg, Class of 2016 Elizabeth Carlisle Greco, Class of 2015 Issam Nihad Hamdallah, Class of 2016 Katherine Carter Hoener, Class of 2015 Hayley Elizabeth Howard, Class of 2015 Emily Robin Hurd, Class of 2015 Samuel August Justice, Class of 2015 Kathryn Janice Kadleck, Class of 2015 Megan Marie Koenecke, Class of 2015 Kaicheng Alan Li, Class of 2016 Sarah Joy Liegner, Class of 2015 Camelia Milnes, Class of 2015 Gabrial Leigh Mitchell, Class of 2015 Eva Hurd Nesbit, Class of 2016 Olubusola Onyedikachi Olukoya, Class of 2015

Timothy R. Scully, Class of 2015 Harvey Bennett Stephens II, Class of 2015

Joseph Matthew Walsh, Class of 2015 Zachary Jacob Weiner, Class of 2016

#### Kenyon Educational Enrichment Program Graduates

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

and energizing fellow students. The KEEP participants graduating this year are listed here.

David Alejandro Arcibar Rafael Contreras Rangel Sierra Denise DeLeon Keith Dalton Jones Stephanie Gabriela Ladman Olivia Faye Siulagi Tyann Rose Smith Reina Janelle Thomas Anna Sophia Ziton

#### National Collegiate Athletic Association Postgraduate Award Winners

One-time, non-renewable grants of \$7,500 each awarded by the NCAA to a total of 174 recipients annually, equally divided between men and women; presented to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition. These men and women have earned the honor since this day last year.

Anna Kathleen Connolly, Class of 2013, women's swimming and diving
Curtis Shiner Ramsey, Class of 2013, men's swimming and diving
Leah Rae Sherr Sack, Class of 2013, women's lacrosse
Ian Ben Stewart-Bates, Class of 2013, men's swimming and diving

#### **Honor Societies**

#### Pi Mu Epsilon

(Mathematics)

William John Bailey Alexander Lu Beckwith Neil Gribben Campbell Ryan Andrew Darragh Michael Mark Harden Grant Rose Jenkins Sarah Jane Kahwash Yue Long Alexander Stephen New Josiah Taylor Olson Solomon Heinrich Reisberg Edward Pierre Rodrigue Glynis Schumacher Elise Margaret Shattuck Dai Shen Benjamin Schear Tanoff Jacob Zane Williams

#### Pi Sigma Alpha

(Political Science)

Lauren Cara Berke Alexandra Rose Bruschi Elizabeth Oakley Cheever Catherine Elizabeth Dwyer Jeremy Ward Fuller Eric Jonathan Geller Ionathan Isaac Green Michael Jakob Hayes Simon Mathias Hoellerbauer David James Hoyt Jessica Ohmart Laurin Dylan James Markovic Leslie Ann Martin Abraham Clardy Nelson Benjamin Loomis Neuhaus Richard Robinson Pera Teresa May Postema Max Landon Rappoport Maria Elizabeth Rogers Samuel Charles Jonathan Ross

#### Sigma Pi Sigma

(Physics)

Neil Gribben Campbell Nicholas Smith Connolly, Class of 2015 Ryan Andrew Darragh Taryn Lela Kittel Aidan Jarreau Lee, Class of 2015 Alexander Stephen New Timothy R. Scully, Class of 2015

#### Sigma Xi

(Scientific Research)

Daniel Chukuemeka Akuma Alexander Lu Beckwith Andrew Thomas Chevalier Rafael Contreras Rangel Ryan Andrew Darragh Kelsey Taylor Dillon Daniel Lawrence Druffel Haley Lauren Dugan Eric Gavin Engelbrecht Lyra Rachel Marie Hall Martha White Hamilton Mark Michael Harden Jr. Harry James Hurley Taryn Lela Kittel Maria Jose Narvaez Alexander Stephen New Andrew Lars Parmelee Ian Forrest Perrone Gina Teresa Rickert Emily Katherine Rose Olivia Lauren Sabik Glynis Katherine Schumacher **Robert James Sellers** Dai Shen **Jennette Marie Shoots** 

Sally Christine Steuterman

Jacob Zane Williams Anna Mary Yie

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

(Liberal Arts and Sciences)

Daniel Chukuemeka Akuma Brandylyn Laneise Arredondo Anna Marie Bammerlin Alexander Lu Beckwith Molly Rose Bondy Neil Gribben Campbell Andrew Thomas Chevalier John Matthew Ciecka Ryan Andrew Darragh Daniel Lawrence Druffel **Emily Michelle Estus** David Weston Floyd Peter Christian Frost Jameyanne Italiano Fuller Jeremy Ward Fuller Kathryn Elizabeth Gourley-Kern Mark Michael Harden Ir. Simon Mathias Hoellerbauer Jane MacCray Jongeward Sarah Jane Kahwash Shannon Patricia Kellev Jessica Ohmart Laurin Jessica Michal Lieberman Yue Long Chenery Louise Turtle Lowe Marielle Elizabeth McDonagh Rebecca Ellen McElfish John Mershon Alexander Stephen New Catherine Clare Novack Andrea Marie Odegaard Rebecca Elizabeth Ogus Caroline Cureton Pearl Jeremy Matthew Peck Teresa May Postema Solomon Heinrich Reisberg Edward Pierre Rodrigue Margaret Fogelin Rosenthal Olivia Lauren Sabik Allyson Mackenzie Schmaling Elise Margaret Shattuck Dai Shen **Jennette Marie Shoots** Aaron Ion Stone Elisabeth Louise Thoreson-Green Anna Cleary Watts Catherine Mary Weitzel Jacob Zane Williams Melek Yildiz Spinel

#### Commencement 2014

The College's one hundred eighty-sixth Commencement ceremony features an acclaimed writer, three retiring faculty members with nearly one hundred years of combined service, an administrator with thirty years of her own, a coach whose successes are legendary—and the four hundred young men and women of the Class of 2014 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 16, at 1:30 p.m.

This year's Baccalaureate speaker, chosen by the seniors, was Associate Professor of Economics Jay R. Corrigan. A member of the faculty since 2002, he specializes in agricultural, environmental, experimental, and resource economics, as well as public-sector economics. His research focuses primarily on estimating the value consumers place on new product traits. A graduate of Grinnell College with a Ph.D. from Iowa State University, he also serves on the faculties of the College's programs in environmental studies and public policy.

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 Music Dane O. Heuchemer, whose topic was "Musica Cartoonum," and Professor of Physics Paula C. Turner, whose session was entitled "Galaxies that Go Bump in the Night."

Today, the address to the graduating class will be offered by Bill Bryson, the noted writer. A native of Iowa who studied for two years at Drake University, he withdrew to backpack through Europe. He soon returned to Europe, landing in England in 1973 and deciding to stay for a while. With the exception of a couple of years in the mid 1970s and several later years spent in Hanover, New Hampshire, he has lived in England ever since.

Bryson worked as a journalist during most of his first decade in England. Starting as a copy editor, he rose to the position of deputy national news editor at the *Independent*. He left journalism in the late 1980s, shortly after publishing his first two books.

Bryson is the author of almost two dozen books—so far. These include volumes on history (among them *At Home: A Short History of Private Life*), language (e.g., *The Mother Tongue: English and How It Got That Way*), science (*A Short History of Nearly Everything*, for instance), and travel (*A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail*, perhaps his best known in the United States). He is also the author of a biography, *Shakespeare: The World as Stage*, and a memoir, *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*.

Bryson's most recently published book is *One Summer: America, 1927*, which makes a compelling case for both the singularity and the pervasive influence on our culture of that four-month period. The *Boston Guardian's* Christopher Bray called it "surely the most sublime distraction published this year" and noted that "few writers of nonfiction, and, let's be

honest, few enough writers of novels, can crack the narrative whip like Bryson." The *New York Times*, in a review by Kevin Baker, stated that the author "writes in a style as effervescent as the time itself" but allows that "Bryson is best at deflating our nostalgia for the era, even as he upholds its importance."

In 2005, Bryson was named chancellor of Durham University, a post he held for six years and which led to the renaming of the institution's library for him. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire a year later for his contributions to literature. Among the many other forms of recognition that have come his way are the President's Award of the Royal Society of Chemistry, the James Joyce Award of the Literary and Historical Society of University College Dublin, an honorary doctorate from King's College London, and the key to the city of Des Moines.

Bryson and his wife, Cynthia, are the parents of four children, David, Felicity, Catherine, and Samuel.

The three retiring faculty members being honored today are Joseph A. Adler, a professor of Asian studies and religious studies, E. Raymond Heithaus, a professor of biology, and Patricia Smith Heithaus, an instructor of biology. Together, they have contributed nearly one hundred years of subject-area expertise and top-notch teaching, counseling, and administrative skills to the community.

Adler, who joined the Kenyon faculty in 1987, is a specialist in East Asian religions. His research in recent years has focused on Neo-Confucian religious thought in China. He is a graduate of the University of Rochester, where he majored in biology, and the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in religious studies. His graduate work included a year as an inter-campus exchange student at the University of California at Berkeley.

Founder of the Confucian Traditions Group of the American Academy of Religion, Adler focuses his research on Neo-Confucian religious thought in China. He is the author, most recently, of *Reconstructing the Confucian Dao: Zhu Xi's Appropriation of Zhou Dunyi*; translator of *Introduction to the Study of the Classic of Change*, by Zhu Xi; coauthor of *Sung Dynasty Uses of the I Ching*; and a contributor to numerous edited volumes, journals, and encyclopedias. Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies from 1997 to 2000 and director of the Asian Studies Program from 2004 to 2007 and 2010 to 2013, he is a former resident director of the Japan Study Program of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest and the Great Lakes Colleges Association at Waseda University in Tokyo.

Adler and his wife, Ruth Woehr, are the parents of a daughter, Anna Woehr Adler, a 2006 alumna of Kenyon who serves as executive director of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar in Denver.

Ray Heithaus, a member of the biology faculty from 1980 until his recent retirement, is a founder and former executive director of the College's Brown Family Environmental Center. He was also a member of the faculties of Kenyon's Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program and its Environmental Studies Program (of which he was a cofounder).

Long active in community affairs, Ray Heithaus serves as a member of the Kokosing Scenic River Association and its Advisory Council. He has also been active as a trustee of the Ohio Academy of Science, as the College's representative to the Ohio Biological Survey, and as a member and officer of the Owl Creek Conservancy. While he now holds the title of professor emeritus at Kenyon, he continues to work as a naturalist at the Brown Family Environmental Center.

From 1983 to 1996, Ray Heithaus served as editor-in-chief of *Biotropica*, a peer-reviewed journal publishing original research on the ecology, conservation, and management of tropical ecosystems and on the evolution, behavior, and population biology of tropical organisms. His own publications have been based on his research into such areas as seed dispersal by ants and population structures of fish in headwater streams.

A 1968 magna cum laude graduate of Kenyon, where he earned highest honors in biology, Ray Heithaus went on to receive his doctorate at Stanford University and to teach at Northwestern University before returning to his alma mater. He and his wife, Pat Heithaus, are the parents of two sons, Michael Heithaus, a professor and executive director of the School of Environment, Arts, and Society at Florida International University, and David Heithaus, a 1999 alumnus of Kenyon who is the facility manager at the Brown Family Environmental Center.

Pat Heithaus, who first taught at the College in 1984 as an adjunct instructor, went on to become an instructor in biology with responsibility her department's year-long introductory laboratory course. She was also involved for many years in the production of *Biotropica*, the journal edited by her husband.

Throughout her time at Kenyon, Pat Heithaus has been a committed mentor to students in the introductory laboratory course, a required class for majors. Her goal in the course, which focuses on the processes of investigative biology as well as the principles of scientific writing, has been to assist students in developing the analytical tools and critical-thinking skills essential to the discipline as a laboratory science.

Pat Heithaus has also been involved with the Brown Family Environmental Center since its founding. She has been especially active as a creator and custodian of the center's butterfly garden, which annually attracts not only enormous numbers of lepidopterans but also scores of artists, butterfly and flower enthusiasts, and casual visitors.

Pat Heithaus earned both her bachelor's degree and an M.S. in zoology at the University of Iowa.

A native of Mount Vernon, Ohio, Teri Blanchard is a summa cum laude graduate of Ohio State University, where she earned a B.S. in business administration. She came to Kenyon as senior accountant in 1984, won a promotion to comptroller in 1987, and took on the newly created position of associate vice president for finance in 2000. In all these posts, she was remarkable for her ethical and professional standards and her all-important skills at constructing and maintaining budgets.

Blanchard's long-time colleague, Vice President for Finance Joseph G. Nelson, gives his associate a large share of the credit for the College's past thirty (of a total of forty-four) consecutive balanced budgets. He also stresses the importance of her role in overseeing Kenyon's endowment-investment and tax-exempt debt programs, two keys to its financial stability.

Although Blanchard, a certified public accountant, retired as associate vice president in 2013, she agreed to take on two new roles at the College. Within her home division, she became a finance advisor; within the economics department, she became a visiting instructor in accounting.

Blanchard is married to Bill Blanchard, a real-estate agent in Mount Vernon. She has one child, son Nathan D. Leonard of Kenyon's Class of 1997, from an earlier marriage.

Finally, the College will honor James A. Steen, who is retiring after thirty-nine years at Kenyon. The man whose name has become synonymous with championship swimming, he began his career at the College in 1975. In the time since then, he has made an already-strong Kenyon program with a history of conference championships a legendary one at the national level.

During Steen's tenure as head swimming coach, which was marked by a scientific approach to the sport that he labels "Total Performance," the men's team won twenty-nine consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III championship titles while the women's teams won twenty-one. That record of fifty titles surpasses those of any other coaches in any NCAA sport.

Steen is a fourteen-time winner of the NCAA's Division III Coach of the Year Award, a seven-time winner of the American Coaches Association Award for Excellence, and the 1994 recipient of the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy, presented by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. His swimmers have won even more awards, including a healthy percentage of the sixty-five NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships presented to Kenyon athletes since the awards were first offered in 1970.

Steen's impact on collegiate swimming now extends well into the succeeding generation of coaches. Among the top teams the College's swimmers now face at each year's national championships are several coached by Kenyon alumni, at such perennial contenders as Denison and Emory universities.

A graduate of Kent State University with a master's degree from Miami University, Steen is married to Marcie A. Steen, a biology teacher at nearby Mount Vernon High School. The Steens are the parents of two daughters, Sarah Steen Holcomb, a 2001 alumna of the College who is now a high-school Spanish teacher in Chicago, Illinois, and Victoria "Tori" Steen, a 2004 graduate of Kenyon who is a physician assistant in Columbus, Ohio.

#### 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 Guliemus 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, while the master's and doctor's may be worn open or closed. The shape of the sleeve is the distinguishing mark of the gowns: bachelor, long pointed sleeve; master, oblong, square cut in back with an arc cut away in front; doctor, bell shaped.

Caps are black, as are the tassels for the bachelor of arts (B.A. or A.B.), bachelor of science (B.S. or Sc.B.), and bachelor of engineering (B.E.) degrees. Tassels for the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree are gold, while those for other graduate and professional degrees may be of the color corresponding to the trimming on the hoods. Special caps—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.