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Kenyon College

The One Hundred Eighty-Eighth Commencement

Samuel Mather Lawn
Ten Thirty O'clock, May Twenty-First
Two Thousand Sixteen

Program

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

Processional

The Scioto Brass Ensemble

Invocation

Rev. Rachel C. Kessler
Chaplain; Priest-in-Charge, Harcourt Parish

Welcome

Bruce D. White
Trustee, Kenyon College
Sean M. Decatur
President of Kenyon College

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

John M. Green
Presented by Miriam Dean-Otting

William F. Klein
Presented by P.F. Kluge

Joseph G. Nelson
Presented by David H. Lynn

Natalia L. Olshanskaya
Presented by James H. McGavran III

Linda O. Pastan
Presented by Jennifer S. Clarvoe

Howard L. Sacks
Presented by Ric S. Sheffield

Karen F. Snouffer
Presented by Claudia J. Esslinger

Henry P. Toutain
Presented by Marla H. Kohlman

Terry Tempest Williams
Presented by Adele S. Davidson

Remarks

Introduction by Meredith Harper Bonham
Vice President for Student Affairs

Trevor Anthony Kirby
President of the Class of 2016

Address

John Green
Novelist

Announcement

Members of the Class of 2016 elected to membership in
Beta Chapter of Ohio of Phi Beta Kappa

Bob Milnikel
Professor of Mathematics

Ringling 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 2016

Joseph L. Klesner
Provost

Vice President Bonham

Conferring of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Awarding of the Diplomas of the College

President Decatur

Joan Slonczewski
Robert A. Oden Jr. Professor of Biology

Ellen K. Harbourt
Registrar

A. Chris Kennerly
*Associate Dean of Students and Director of Diversity,
Equity, and Inclusion*

Closing Words to the Class of 2016

President Decatur

Benediction

Marc W. Bragin
*Director, Spiritual and Religious Life; Jewish Chaplain;
Director, Kenyon Hillel*

Recessional

The Scioto Brass Ensemble

Senior Class Committee

Trevor Anthony Kirby,
President
Manjul Bhusal Sharma
Henry Lewis Burbank
Anna Slater Pastan Cohen
Erika Danielle Cuevas
Scott Hull Freeburg
Katherine Hannah Goldman
Christopher Kei Helm
Nicholas Steven LaPoint
Marie Rose Laube
Emily Levi-D'Ancona
Kathleen Michael Low
Faith Anastasia Christine Masterson
Bhekimpi Tholoana Mhlanga
Molly Bryce O'Connor
Alissa Napatr Poolpol
Phoebe Elesta Roe
Emily Ruth Smul
Haley Magdalene Townsend
Nicholas Peter Tucci

Other Participants

Marshals

Laurie A. Finke, Senior Marshal,
Professor of Women's and Gender Studies
Ivonne M. Garcia,
Associate Professor of English
Haruhiko Itagaki,
Professor of Biology
Sarah K. Murnen,
Samuel B. Cummings Jr. Professor of Psychology
Joseph M. Murphy,
Director, Center for Innovative Pedagogy
Kimmarrise A. Murphy,
Associate Professor of Anthropology
Erin E. O'Neill,
Head Softball Coach
Sam Pack,
Associate Professor of Anthropology
Jami E. Peelle,
Faculty Grants and Fellowships Coordinator
Wade H. Powell,
Professor of Biology
Stella Ryan-Lozon,
Assistant Managing Editor, The Kenyon Review
Erin Farrell Salva,
Director, Student Accessibility and Support Services

Hood Marshals

Marne T. Ausec,
Director, Center for Global Engagement
Scott R. Baker,
Director of Alumni and Parent Programs
Jessen A. Book,
Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach
Philip J. Glandon Jr.,
Assistant Professor of Economics
Samantha J. Hughes,
Director, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities
Heidi Hansen McCrory,
Vice President for College Relations

Flagbearers

Philip Gray Clark Jr., Class of 2017
Elizabeth Kathryn Eder, Class of 2017
Jadah Maya-Louise Jones, Class of 2018
Jordan Elliot Pakula, Class of 2017
Sewar Mohammed Quran, Class of 2017
Christopher James Stevens, Class of 2017

Pealers

Callan Marie Schackor, Class of 2017
Daniel Patrick Schlather, Class of 2017
Carolyn Frey Ten Eyck, Class of 2018

Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Letters

John Michael Green
Novelist

Presented by Miriam Dean-Otting
Professor of Religious Studies

Citation written by Royal W.F. Rhodes
Donald L. Rogan Professor of Religious Studies

Nerdfighters of the world, unite! Today, we honor Kenyon's own John Green, a double major in English and religious studies, noted now as an award-winning, New York Times bestselling author, vlogger, comic imp, defender of "the wonkish" and the "goofily informative." You hold the distinction, according to the American Library Association, of having written the book most frequently called for to be banned—the Bible was sixth on that list. With your Vlogbrother Hank, you created a year-long challenge on YouTube, "Brotherhood 2.0," to gamely "increase awesome and decrease suck," as good a mission statement for liberal education as one can find. That workshop of the heart fostered "Project for Awesome," your charity initiative, along with "Crash Course," a panorama of education videos on history, science, healthcare, and the complexities of our diverse world, demonstrating your saying that "Truth rejects simplicity." It is a needed antidote in this divisive time, when you remind us: "There is no Them. There are only facets of Us." But it is in your young-adult novels, notably *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Paper Towns*, that you have had the most powerful influence while fulfilling the best function of this genre: to make young people feel less alone. You challenge all of us as you write: "What is the point of being alive, if you don't at least try to do something remarkable." So, in thanking you for teaching us an alphabet of the soul, we extend to you the Nerdfighter's salute: Never forget to be Awesome.

Doctor of Humane Letters

William Francis Klein
Professor of English

Presented by P.F. Kluge
Writer-in-Residence

Of the people who come to work at Kenyon, some move on, to find fame—or obscurity—in other places. This year we honor some stayers-on, who have not only served the College but become part of it. We salute Joe Nelson, the longtime vice president for finance; we remember Thomas J. Edwards, the late, legendary dean of students. And we celebrate William Klein, who, came here in 1968 and, after nearly half a century, retires today. Bill's teaching dealt largely with the history of the English language. His interests led to presentations for fifteen consecutive years at the International Congress of Medieval Studies. What I will remember most about Bill is how often I could find him in his office on the second floor of Sunset Cottage, grading papers, preparing lectures. We all do that. But often he sat there thinking, meditating, reposing

in a place he loved. He didn't just work in that office; he lived there. A former student recalls this: "Some of my fondest Kenyon memories are of Friday afternoons in Bill's office, drinking tea and translating old English, where I learned that serious scholarship need not arise out of seriousness of personality. Whether rapping the opening of the Canterbury tales or arguing over the proper solution of the Anglo-Saxon riddles, Bill challenged his students to take delight in whatever they studied. The word I most associate with Bill is joy: joy in literature, in the whimsy of creation, and in all life." Bill, I will miss finding you in your office. Thanks for coming. Thanks for staying.

Doctor of Laws

Joseph Gerard Nelson
Chief Investment Officer, Kenyon College

Presented by David H. Lynn
Professor of English and David Banks Editor of the Kenyon Review

Aside from members of the singularly successful chess club which you long coached, relatively few Kenyon students have known you, Joseph Nelson, or how much they have owed you over the thirty-eight years you have served their college. Yet the chess players, with first-hand knowledge of your competitive fire, might have confided to those who graduate today that their alma mater—and yours, since the Class of 1973 adopted you—has never known a fiercer advocate or better friend. Only those who have seen you in action fully realize how you have come to love Kenyon, to protect and defend it. Having first arrived in Gambier as comptroller, when the College's financial health was fraught, you rose to vice president for finance in 1987. In the years since, you have dedicated yourself to disciplined budgetary management. As chief investment officer, and working with the Kenyon Board of Trustees, you were also largely responsible for managing the College's endowment, which grew under your innovative guidance from \$30 million to some \$250 million. These numbers represent more than mere benchmarks, as our newly minted alumni surely are well prepared to understand. Because of your efforts Kenyon College is stronger, more viable, better prepared for a future every bit as distinguished as its long history. We, your friends and colleagues and students, are proud to honor you, and we are grateful for the record of accomplishment that has benefited us all.

Doctor of Humane Letters

Natalia Lwowna Olshanskaya
Professor of Russian

Presented by James H. McGavran III
Assistant Professor of Russian

Natalia Lvovna Olshanskaya, your name was a struggle for most people at Kenyon, and just as you predicted, with your typical ironic amusement, it will continue to be for years to come as it lives on in what you have done for us and for this institution. Devoted teacher and colleague, fiercely loyal mentor and friend, and surrogate mother to hundreds of students far away from home, you gave of yourself—your knowledge, your wisdom, and your love—unreservedly, without restraint or calculation. After a successful career at Odessa State University, you came to Kenyon in 1997, and once here, you singlehandedly saved Russian from near-death and turned it into a thriving program, with graduates who have routinely won Fulbright fellowships and entrance into prestigious universities, and perhaps less routinely gone on to become acclaimed authors and Commencement speakers. A professor and scholar of the highest standards, you demanded—both through example and through actual, explicit commands—the absolute best from your students, and our best is what you got. It is for the care and kindness you showed us, however, that we will always remember and love you: you were unswervingly devoted to the people in your life and the people of Kenyon College. You were taken from us far too soon and after terrible suffering, and we grieve your loss desperately, but it is with profound and enduring gratitude that we honor your achievements today.

Doctor of Letters

Linda Olenik Pastan
Poet

Presented by Jennifer S. Clarvoe
Professor of English

Linda Pastan: Poet, mother, grandmother. From the Bronx to Radcliffe and Brandeis, you distinguished yourself writing poems, then gave it up to focus on family. What a good poet you might have been, you told your husband, if you hadn't married him. Luckily, after ten years of complaints, he urged you back to the page – and so, morning by morning, week by week, year by year, you became the author of more than a dozen books, recipient of numerous awards, including Poetry's Bess Hokin Prize, the Poetry Society of America's Alice Fay di Castagnola Award, and the Ruth Lilly Prize for lifetime achievement. You served as Poet Laureate of Maryland from 1991 to 1995 and taught at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference for twenty years. Poets are farmers, you assert, hoeing and planting. Your deft lines make that dedicated labor seem light work, in poems that are wry, luminous, and deep. Your latest book, *Insomnia*, puts you in the company of Kenyon poet Randall Jarrell, whose "Bat-Poet" made up poems because he couldn't sleep during the day. Your curious insomniac counts everything—from sheep, to whitecaps, from biologists to astronomers—as, indeed, everything counts. But praise can quickly shade into elegy. Of the creamy, delicate dogwoods in May, you write, "I

took for granted / that the world would remain / as it was, and I / would remain with it." May you and your bright poems remain, awake when we are asleep, and dreaming when we are awake.

Doctor of Humane Letters

Howard Lawrence Sacks
Professor of Sociology

Presented by Ric S. Sheffield
Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies

Howard Sacks: teacher, scholar, mentor, neighbor, and, most of all, friend. First at Kenyon to be awarded the National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Teaching Professorship, recipient of forty grants and fellowships, and founder and director of the College's Rural Life Center, you have had an impact on the entirety of this community along the tranquil Kokosing. Multidisciplinary and holistic in approach, you embrace the arts, humanities, and sciences, investigating such topics as social theory, agricultural practices, country music, and African American history. You have served Kenyon as department chair, senior advisor to the president, and provost, and you have earned national recognition for your decades of service at the national and state arts and humanities agencies. No one has been a better advocate for considering the College's rural locale as its chief asset. The social scientist in you prods students to go into the field to take advantage of the laboratory that is their surrounding world. The humanist in you exhorts students to build partnerships with members of the communities they encounter. Many of your students remark that learning alongside farmers, artisans, and musicians has transformed them for life, well beyond their years at Kenyon. In all of your efforts, whether the many years of directing the legendary Gambier Folk Festival along with your wife, Judy, or leading public projects on family farming and rural sustainability, you have worked tirelessly to dismantle the "town-gown" divide. For these achievements and so much more, we are indebted and inspired. Thank you.

Doctor of Fine Arts

Karen Frey Snouffer
Professor of Art

Presented by Claudia J. Esslinger
Professor of Art

Karen Snouffer, dynamic artist, impassioned educator, loyal listener and friend: Today we celebrate your bright spirit on this hill you have come to call home. A luminous choreography winds through your artistic work. Elements converge and contort, reveal and recede, coalesce and explode. From ordinary objects to extraordinary memories, your work serves as a conduit for perceptive expressions that have been exhibited from Los Angeles, California, to Épernay, France. Grants and residencies from the Ohio Arts Council, the Great Lakes Colleges Association, and the McGregor Foundation underscore your professional achievement. Titles from your work illuminate your artistic projects: “Ordinary Vanities,” “Tasty Buds,” “My Chaos is your Chaos,” and “Extraordinary Father.” As a professor of painting, drawing, installation, and mixed media, you have encouraged students to experience a process of art-making that is intuitive, informed, and intimately connected to their lives. Your energy is infectious, infusing your classroom--and your advising office--with the power of creative ambition, artistic possibility, and individual potential. Always curious, you have recently learned two new languages and developed courses in Chicana art and, with a colleague, art and mathematics. Always generous, you have spearheaded public art and service-learning projects. Ever collaborative, you have worked with accomplished poets, dancers, and other artists. You are a mover, and a shaker. As one student said: “She does the best Cha-Cha on campus, with such ease and grace you forget she is not a college student herself.” Today we honor you for every move you offer us, in the classroom, in the studio, and in our community.

Doctor of Laws

Henry Paul Toutain
Dean of Students, Kenyon College

Presented by
Marla H. Kohlman
Professor of Sociology

Henry Toutain, as dean of students in the Student Affairs Division of the College, your colleagues characterize you as “gentle,” “humane,” “selfless,” and “deliberate.” You are respected for your ability to see the humor in almost any situation and to craft all communications with literary flair befitting a wordsmith’s command of the English language. As we celebrate the positive and enduring impact of your time at Kenyon, we applaud your thoughtfulness in challenging us to be our very best while applying your decency, calm composure, and integrity to the unwavering support of your entire staff. You are especially treasured for your ability to bring the right folks together at the right time, with the charge to find the right solution to serve the most affected with an eye, always, toward mitigating harm. In all interactions, you communicated to those working with you that they were truly valued, respected, and important to the mission of serving the College’s students.

You set the perfect example in that regard, as we observed that you were particularly indefatigable in your commitment and dedication to the well-being and success of our students. We salute you, Hank Toutain, as you take your leave from your office in Gund Commons. And we wish you many years ahead to harvest all of the good karma you have sent out into the world, many uninterrupted nights of sleep, time to enjoy your family, and time to reflect upon the immense impact you have had on countless students, co-workers, and friends.

Doctor of Letters

Terry Tempest Williams
Writer

Presented by Adele S. Davidson
Charles Pettit McIlvaine Professor of English

Terry Tempest Williams, your generous embrace of all things wild and holy, fierce and free, nurtures interconnectedness among disparate, divided lives. The desert beckoned your Mormon forbears: with a passion as formidable and profound as their “deep-remembered” landscapes, you remind us that democracies foster and require open spaces, open hearts, and that education by wilderness exhilarates and exalts the spirit, providing “a spark to ignite social change.” Innumerable honors and distinguished appointments at the University of Utah and Dartmouth College attest to your ethical discernment, visionary clarity, and ecological insight and remind us that in your hands “a pencil is a wand and a weapon,” a phrase you once whispered to the year-old daughter of your nephew, Nathan Thomas, Kenyon Class of 1999. Your mother bequeathed you shelves full of her diaries, only for you to find the pages all left blank. From unwritten lives, unspoken hunger, you help the voiceless find a voice. Who will speak for a bedraggled planet, a broken world, the place where prairie dogs kiss, our only sanctuary and refuge? You lift that voice: Tell us of deserts and the dawn; warn us; change the political climate to combat climate change; set free our speech and rock the justice in our hearts; help the pronghorn and peregrine prevail; inspire us to “know wilderness in the way that [we] know love” and to cling to it for our own dear life. We ask a lot: no more than you have already done. We need and laud your healing words.

Bachelor of Arts

Katherine Pond Adams, *magna cum laude*, *History*
Lucy Claire Adams, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Film*
Sarah Elizabeth Adrianowycz, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Biology*
Philip Joseph Alimam, *Economics, in absentia*
Qossay Fawzy Alsattari, *cum laude*, *Economics, International Studies*
Elise Sydney Altschuler, *cum laude*, *Psychology*
Kantaphon Amornrat, *cum laude*, *Economics*
Brian Andrews, *Physics*
Leah Blake Annitto, *Religious Studies*
Abigail Carmen Arace, *cum laude*, *French*
Jacqueline Marie Arkush, *Anthropology, Studio Art**
Kayla Danielle Arnold, *cum laude*, *Honors in Economics**
Sarah Kathleen Ash, *cum laude*, *Philosophy**
Karen Elizabeth Aston, *summa cum laude*, *English*
Esteban German Bachelet, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Lauren Steckler Bailey, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Psychology*
James Kaleb Barber, *Film*
Jeremiah David Barnes, *Economics*
Margaret Amelia Barnes, *cum laude*, *Anthropology*
Morgen Leigh Barroso, *Neuroscience*
Timothy Mason Barry, *History, Psychology*
Joseph William Bates IV, *Economics*
Erin Lee Bauer, *magna cum laude*, *English, in absentia*
Maximilian Sean Beatty, *Studio Art*
Casey Angelo Beaudouin, *Biology*
Chace Emilia Beech, *cum laude*, *English*
David Dennison Belsky, *cum laude*, *Biology*
Robin Lynne Belton, *magna cum laude*, *Honors in Mathematics**
Alexander Johannes Benthem de Grave, *Political Science*
Astrid Kristina Linnea Bergman, *Political Science*
Claire Ilene Berman, *magna cum laude*, *History**
Manjul Bhusal Sharma, *cum laude*, *Economics, Mathematics*
Lauren Christine Bittrich, *English*
Garrison Edward Block, *Studio Art*
Christine Alexandra Bloom, *Economics, French*
Amelia Hope Blumenfeld, *Classics*
Jessica Renate Bolter, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in American Studies*, Spanish**
Mark Ettore Boniface, *Biology*
Caroline Ward Borders, *magna cum laude*, *Anthropology*
Tehya Ayashe Boswell, *cum laude*, *High Honors in Psychology*
Camille Virginia Bourret, *cum laude*, *Psychology, Spanish*
Isabelle Claire Brauer, *cum laude*, *International Studies*
Madison Mahoney Breschi, *Psychology*
Gabriel Robert Brison-Trezise, *cum laude*, *Political Science*
Timothy Michael Broderick, *cum laude*, *Philosophy*
Cassandra Weltner Brumback, *summa cum laude*, *International Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures*
Emily Claire Bulik-Sullivan, *cum laude*, *Biology*
Henry Lewis Burbank, *Political Science*
Michael Gordon Buse, *cum laude*, *High Honors in History*
Hanna Piroska Buzsaki, *English, History*
Spencer Thomas Byers, *Molecular Biology, Neuroscience*
Jonathan Blake Calcei, *Biology*
William Colin Cardon, *Political Science*
Rosa Linda Carnevali-Doan, *Sociology*
Eileen Drohan Cartter, *American Studies*, English**
Sarah Corinne Chapman, *Political Science, Spanish*
Khalil Deshann Chatman, *Neuroscience*
Hillary Ilayka Chavez Zaldivar, *Biology*
Jinwen Chen, *Film*
Rishi Choubey, *Economics**
Jason Jonathan Cinti, *cum laude*, *Molecular Biology*
Christopher Allen Clark, *magna cum laude*, *English*
Theresa Marie Clark, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Andrew Russell Clarkson Jr., *Music*
Carlton McLendon Clinkscales Jr., *Psychology*
Caitlyn Marie Coates, *Chemistry*
Anna Slater Pastan Cohen, *American Studies**
Claire Suzanne Cohen, *magna cum laude*, *Religious Studies, Spanish*
Julia Evelyn Colpitts, *American Studies, Drama*
Brien James Comey, *cum laude*, *Economics, Philosophy**
Timothy William Connolly, *Economics*
Abigail Louise Cooper, *summa cum laude*, *French*, Psychology*
Rebecca Zeisler Cooper, *Women's and Gender Studies**
Nicholas Aaron Cooper-Hamburger, *cum laude*, *High Honors in English**
Anna Eleanor Coppelman, *Classics**
Taylor Morgan Cornelius, *magna cum laude*, *English*
Spencer Drake Couch, *Philosophy*
Kaitlin Emma Creamer, *cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Biology*
Alexandra Ann Galvin Crouse, *Anthropology*
Karina M. Cruz, *American Studies*
Gerard Payton Cuddy Jr., *cum laude*, *English*
Erika Danielle Cuevas, *Political Science*
Cora June Cull, *cum laude*, *English*
James Stewart Currie, *magna cum laude*, *Biology*, Film*
Dakota Houston Emil Curry, *Studio Art*
Desmond Giffen Dahlberg, *cum laude*, *Honors in Economics*
Paul Hodges Daniel, *Music*
Furqan Dar, *magna cum laude*, *Physics**
Derek James Dashiell, *English*
Guenevere Adimanthi David, *magna cum laude*, *Honors in History*
William Francis Dawson, *magna cum laude*, *English**
Sophia Daniela De Pascuale, *Studio Art*
Erin Elizabeth Delaney, *magna cum laude*, *English**
Matthew Wallace Delbridge, *cum laude*, *Political Science*
Reed Maser Dickerson, *English*
Matthew Craig Dilworth, *International Studies, Spanish*
Molly Powers Donovan, *cum laude*, *English*
Rachel Kate Dragos, *cum laude*, *Chemistry, English*
Hannah Levin Drake, *History*
Robin Marie Dunn, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Mathematics**
Kye Marquel Duren, *Molecular Biology*
Joseph Peter Duronio, *Molecular Biology*
Lauren Frances Earls, *English*
Adam Daniel Egelman, *Political Science*
Houda El Joundi, *Economics*
Danielle Nicole Elizarraraz, *Psychology*
Lea Clair England, *magna cum laude*, *Mathematics*
Nathaniel Aaron Epstein, *Political Science*

Emily Johnston Erbllich, *Drama*
 Zachary James Estela, *Film*
 Emma Abigail Estes, *Sociology*
 Lucy Cutter Evert, *Political Science*
 Hannah Kesti Ewing, *cum laude, Biochemistry*
 Kelsey A. Ewing, *Art History, Studio Art*
 Eliza Kelly Fairbrother, *magna cum laude, International Studies*
 Jacob Joseph Fait, *Economics*
 Heather Lynn Fantry, *Biology*
 Edward Aaron Farkas, *Film*
 Chloe Elise Farrell, *cum laude, English*
 Caroline Bourne Fenn, *English*
 Kyle Christopher Fisher, *Film*
 Alec Marriott Foresta, *International Studies*
 Nathaniel Zane Fox, *magna cum laude, Biochemistry*
 Christina Elizabeth Franzino, *Political Science*
 Zoe Jayne Frazier, *cum laude, Biology*
 Scott Hull Freeburg, *summa cum laude, High Honors in Biology**
 Martha Skinner Freiberg, *cum laude, Psychology**
 Olivia Miller Frey, *cum laude, Synoptic Major: Comparative Literature**
 Chloe Rebecca Friedman, *Art History, Studio Art*
 Elizabeth Hertz Friedman, *cum laude, English*
 Joseph Alexander Pettey Frye, *Philosophy, Political Science*
 Michael Kentaro Fukutomi Boice, *Political Science*
 Ryan William Funk, *Physics*
 Haley Keisha Gabrielle, *summa cum laude, Classics**
 Meg Elaine Gardella, *Studio Art*
 Grace Downing Gardner, *History*
 Anna Rae Garnitz, *magna cum laude, Psychology**
 Percy Nevill Gates, *cum laude, Physics*
 Samuel Bradford Geier, *Economics, Spanish*
 Henri K. Gendreau, *magna cum laude, English**
 Taylor Dodd Geu, *magna cum laude, Film*
 Jane Rose Ghublikian, *Art History*
 Daniel Michael Giguere, *English*
 Sam Moorhead Gillespie, *cum laude, History*
 Lauren Glover, *Dance*
 Serena Raden Glynn, *cum laude, Spanish*
 Katherine Hannah Goldman, *cum laude, Art History*
 Anna Margarita Gomez, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Alexandra Suzanne Gonzales, *Biology*
 Roxanne Lane Gordon, *Dance, Philosophy*
 Katherine Dean Goulder, *cum laude, Biology**
 Samuel Adam Graf, *Music*
 Tomas Karlton Grant, *Molecular Biology*
 Peter Henry Granville, *magna cum laude, English, Mathematics**
 Shelby Maxine Gray, *cum laude, Chemistry*
 Alexandra Lee Greenwald, *summa cum laude, Religious Studies**
 Dylan Alexander Gregory, *Drama*
 Margaret Lynore Greising, *Economics, International Studies*
 Liam Peter Griffin, *English**
 Jacob Griffith-Rosenberger, *summa cum laude, Anthropology*
 Aidan Michael Gross, *magna cum laude, German*, Music**
 Luke Daniel Guju, *Neuroscience*
 Elizabeth Jane Halper, *Mathematics*
 Issam Nihad Hamdallah, *Honors in Biology*
 Colleen Anne Handel, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Economics, Mathematics*
 Andrew Peter Hardy, *cum laude, Religious Studies**
 Jordan James Harlacher, *magna cum laude, Honors in Economics**
 Skylar Havana Harvey, *English*
 Amanda He, *Honors in Biology*
 Max Parker Heldman, *cum laude, Economics*, Mathematics*
 Christopher Kei Helm, *cum laude, Biology**
 Noremberg Alejandro Henao Gallego, *Economics*
 Joshua Alvaro Henderson-Jardim, *Economics*
 Paul Christopher Henshaw, *Economics*
 Andres Herrera, *Political Science*
 Emily Alexandra Hills, *magna cum laude, International Studies, Spanish**
 Thomas DeMatteis Hite, *Economics*
 Madison Christine Hoffman, *summa cum laude, Mathematics*
 Amanda Marie Holme, *cum laude, International Studies*, Spanish*
 Jessye Lynn Holmgren-Sidell, *magna cum laude, Studio Art*
 Simone Beatrice Shulman Holzer, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Sociology*
 Victoria Gabrielle Hoover, *magna cum laude, English**
 Maggie Foster Hudson, *Psychology*
 Margaret Faye Huff, *magna cum laude, Physics*
 Stewart Lewis Huntsman, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in History*
 Lucy Claire Iselin, *Sociology*
 Allison Katherine James, *magna cum laude, Economics*
 Felix Georg Janssen, *Political Science*
 Marquis Dwayne Antoine Johnson, *English*
 Christian Frick Josephson, *Psychology*
 Daniel Patrick Jurgens, *Molecular Biology*
 Katie Akane Kaestner, *cum laude, Political Science*
 Vasiliki Kaimakami, *International Studies, Sociology*
 Haleh Rachel Kanani, *magna cum laude, English*
 Thabo Joseph Kasongo, *Economics*
 Yuka Kato, *Sociology*
 Samuel Joseph Keller, *Sociology*
 Edna Jepleting Kemboi, *Molecular Biology*
 Shannon Tynisha Kennedy, *Psychology, in absentia*
 Austen Jungchul Kim, *Economics*
 Tyler David Kimble, *cum laude, High Honors in Psychology*
 Trevor Anthony Kirby, *magna cum laude, Honors in Philosophy**
 Kate Rand Klausner, *American Studies*
 Katharine Preuss Knowlton, *cum laude, English**
 Logan Thomas Konkol, *cum laude, High Honors in Economics*
 Timothy James Kotowski, *Political Science*
 Ayako Chandra Kuki, *summa cum laude, Highest Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Siu Ting Christopher Kwan, *History*
 Samuel Chase Lagasse, *summa cum laude, High Honors in English*, Religious Studies**
 Eva Juliette Landers, *Political Science*
 Laura Anne Langner, *cum laude, Sociology*
 Nicholas Steven LaPoint, *magna cum laude, Political Science*
 Emma Fradelle Lasky, *English*
 Rebecca Ann Latoff, *Classics*
 Hannah Branch Laub, *cum laude, Sociology*
 Marie Rose Laube, *cum laude, Psychology, Spanish*
 Abraham Oluwadamilola Lawal, *History*

Ngoc Bao Le, *Biochemistry*
Charlotte Lee Leblang, *Molecular Biology*
Monica Jeong Lee, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Suyeon Lee, *Psychology*
Sarah Grace Lehr, *International Studies*
Liam Cesar Leonard-Solis, *Philosophy*
Emma Curtis Levant, *magna cum laude, Anthropology, Psychology*
Eamon Hayes Levesque, *cum laude, English**
Emily Levi-D'Ancona, *magna cum laude, International Studies*
Jonathan Scott Levitt, *English*
Phoebe Kingsford Lewis, *magna cum laude, English**
Kaicheng Li, *summa cum laude, Mathematics, Physics*
Yingqi Li, *Chemistry*
Gwendolyn Lloyd, *Biology*
Olivia Jace Lloyd, *magna cum laude, History*
Hannah Amelia Lobb, *magna cum laude, International Studies*
Lemmanuel Loley, *English*
Thomas Michael Loughney III, *English*
Kathleen Michael Low, *summa cum laude, Economics*
Benjamin Day Mackesy, *Political Science*
Alan David Magendzo, *History*
Margot Canham Maley, *cum laude, Anthropology*
Anne Collins Malkoff, *cum laude, Psychology, Spanish*
Adam Gyula Marjai, *cum laude, International Studies*
Katherine Virginia Markey, *summa cum laude, Classics**
Laura Maria Marques-Jackson, *Anthropology*
Faith Anastasia Christine Masterson, *Psychology*
Catherine Ann Mayer, *magna cum laude, English*
Margret Elizabeth Mayer, *Psychology*
Christopher Gregory McCann, *Studio Art*
Owen Thomas McCloskey IV, *Biology, Economics*
Kyle Marshall McDonald, *Neuroscience*
Alexa Joyce McElroy, *cum laude, Psychology*, Spanish*
Donald Aaron McIlhenny, *English*
Elna Zazhil Amanda McIntosh, *cum laude, International Studies*
Aislinn Rose McKeown, *summa cum laude, Psychology**
Kevin Louis McKinney, *English*
Alexander Strauss McQuiston, *Highest Honors in Biology*
Jordan Alexa Meier, *cum laude, Economics*
Laura Christina Messenger, *magna cum laude, Political Science, Spanish**
Bhekimpi Tholoana Mhlanga, *Economics**
Michael Ward Michnowicz, *Economics*
Annaliese Irene Milano, *magna cum laude, Anthropology*
Michelangelo Missoni, *International Studies*
Rachel Mitchell, *High Honors in American Studies*
Milad Momeni, *International Studies*
Harrison Stephen Montgomery, *summa cum laude, English, Music**
Megan Ann Morris, *Psychology*
Marissa Lee Morte, *cum laude, Art History*
Patricia Mota, *cum laude, International Studies, Spanish*
Ariana Fatima Muessel, *Art History*
Samantha Clara Murphy, *Economics*
Dylan Jane Musler, *cum laude, Studio Art*, Joint Major: Modern Languages and Literatures and Asian Studies*
John Carl Nagra, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Economics**
Emily Bacot Nason, *cum laude, English**
Aaron Elliot Naves, *Classics, English*

Sterling Anders Nelson, *Political Science*
Eva Hurd Nesbit, *cum laude, High Honors in Physics**
Alexander Welton Nethercutt, *Economics*
Mira Natania Brooks Netsky, *summa cum laude, Political Science*
Mark Evan Newell, *Economics*
Kathryn Jean Nickley, *summa cum laude, Anthropology*
Eric Stafford Niehans, *Economics*
Elizabeth Easter Norman, *Studio Art**
Jinexa Rosandra Nunez, *Psychology*
Gibson Dominick Oakley, *magna cum laude, Drama*
Kasya Siban O'Connor Grant, *American Studies*
Molly Bryce O'Connor, *cum laude, High Honors in American Studies**
Dylan Edward Ogden, *summa cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures**
Sarah Elizabeth Oleisky, *cum laude, Psychology**
Alexander Robert Oles, *summa cum laude, Biochemistry**
Elizabeth Catherine Oviedo, *English*
Katherine Haley Page, *cum laude, Art History*
Natalie Ruth Parker, *Psychology**
Nicholas George Parker, *Economics*
Stephanie Renee Penix, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Molecular Biology*
Ricardo Wollenschleger Pereira, *Economics*
Tyler Hill Pickens, *magna cum laude, Philosophy*
Alexander James Pijanowski, *Political Science*, Spanish*
Dante Pilkington, *English*
Thomas Alexander Piper, *cum laude, Political Science*
Natalie Paige Plick, *summa cum laude, Neuroscience**
Stewart Robbins Pollock, *cum laude, International Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures*
Alissa Napatr Poolpol, *Economics, International Studies*
Sonia Kiran Prabhu, *International Studies*
Brianna Israel Presley, *Studio Art, Dance*
Haifeng Qiao, *magna cum laude, Physics**
John Sexton Quigley, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Economics*, Mathematics*
Ethan Spencer Raduns-Silverstein, *American Studies, Film*
Sara Moira Rahimi, *Political Science*
Jessica Danielle Randall, *History*
Joseph Lewin Randles, *American Studies, Film*
Sruthi Palakurti Rao, *magna cum laude, Economics*, International Studies**
Bradley Joseph Raynor, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in International Studies, Film*
Anna Carolyn Recchie, *magna cum laude, High Honors in English**
Roberto Luis Recio, *Psychology*
Eli Forrest Redfern, *cum laude, Economics, Spanish**
Kelly Havens Reed, *English*
Elissa Lynn Reiskind, *cum laude, English*
Megan Lois Remillard, *cum laude, English**
Steven Gary Reuther Jr., *magna cum laude, Economics*
Gus Kegan Riley, *Drama*
Ciara Rioghach Szeferi Robinson, *Economics*
Phoebe Elesta Roe, *Psychology*
Roger Lee Rogers II, *American Studies*
Carlos Brandon Roman, *English**
Elizabeth Grace Rooney, *cum laude, Political Science*
Jane Rebecca Rosenfeld, *Film*
Ian Paul George Round, *Spanish*

Molly Anita Rubin, *magna cum laude*, *English*
 Jordan Willow Rucci, *English**
 Kelley Elizabeth Russell, *cum laude*, *High Honors in American Studies**
 John Dixon Ryan, *magna cum laude*, *English*
 Willa Bernadine Sachs, *magna cum laude*, *Sociology**
 Emily Ann Sakamoto, *English*
 Katherine Marie Santa Maria, *magna cum laude*, *Psychology*
 Wyatt Edward Sarafin, *cum laude*, *High Honors in English**
 Zachary David Sawicki, *Political Science*
 Sarah Ann Schnebly, *magna cum laude*, *English**, *Film**
 Rae Rose Schultz, *cum laude*, *Neuroscience*
 Morgan Kira Scully, *Psychology*
 Elizabeth Laurette Seeley, *cum laude*, *Drama*
 Jennifer Jo Seely, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Anthropology*
 Riley Patrick Selig-Addiss, *American Studies**, *Political Science*
 Daniel Joseph Semelsberger, *magna cum laude*, *Economics**, *Political Science*, *in absentia*
 Patrick Brett Shevelson, *magna cum laude*, *Honors in Economics**
 Karen Judith Sheys, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Psychology*, *Spanish*
 Anna Emily Shinbane, *cum laude*, *Art History*
 Maxwell Davidson Siegrist, *Economics*
 Saige Nicole Simpson, *cum laude*, *International Studies*
 Nathaniel Griffin Sloan, *cum laude*, *Classics**
 Paige Ellen Smearman, *Women's and Gender Studies*
 Claire Berg Smith, *English*
 Emma Louise Smith, *Drama*
 Sean Richard Smith Jr., *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Molecular Biology*
 Emily Ruth Smul, *cum laude*, *English*
 Maria Lynn Sorkin, *magna cum laude*, *Biology**
 Carolyn Liu Sowa, *cum laude*, *Classics*
 David William Spencer, *Physics*
 Kirstin Anne Staiger, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Biology**, *Dance*
 Hannah Elizabeth Steigmeyer, *cum laude*, *Anthropology*, *English*
 Elie Dora Steinberg, *Anthropology*
 Olivia Jackson Sterling, *magna cum laude*, *International Studies*, *Spanish*
 Margaret Locke Stohlman, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in American Studies*, *Spanish**
 Andrew Dell Stratton, *Psychology*
 Mary Raynor Sturgis, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures*, *International Studies*
 Faiza Sulaiman, *Biology*, *in absentia*
 Hannah Dorothy Sullivan, *cum laude*, *Political Science*
 Lindsey Sarah Susolik, *History*
 Rachel Joan Sweeney, *cum laude*, *Highest Honors in American Studies**
 Jane Delano Symmes, *International Studies*, *Spanish*
 Emily Tanji, *Political Science*, *in absentia*
 Wanufi Regassa Teshome, *cum laude*, *Sociology**
 Amelia Mackay Thelen, *magna cum laude*, *Sociology*
 Lewis Laufer Thompson, *American Studies*
 Madeline Rose Thompson, *magna cum laude*, *Psychology**
 Meg McGregor Thornbury, *cum laude*, *Sociology*
 Jackson Peter Todd, *Political Science*
 Haley Magdalene Townsend, *summa cum laude*, *International Studies*
 George Lionel Trudell III, *Economics*
 Nicholas Peter Tucci, *Political Science*, *Religious Studies*
 Robert Boyd Turlington, *summa cum laude*, *Biochemistry*
 Dante Gabriela Valvo, *cum laude*, *High Honors in American Studies**
 Daisy Whitfield VanDenburgh, *English*
 Camila Velasquez, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Anthropology**
 Daniel Ralph Voigt, *Biology*, *Philosophy*
 Natalie Norris Wardlaw, *magna cum laude*, *Studio Art**
 Brian Powell Warren, *Political Science*, *in absentia*
 John William Washburn, *cum laude*, *English**
 Peter William O'Brien Wear, *English*
 Emily Madison Weiner, *cum laude*, *Film*
 G. Robert Weiner, *Psychology*
 Zachary Jacob Weiner, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Physics**, *Mathematics*
 Noah Henry Weinman, *magna cum laude*, *Political Science*
 Lindsay Marie Wheaton, *Political Science*
 Samuel Banks Whipple, *Political Science*
 Samantha Christine White, *cum laude*, *Biochemistry*
 Sarah Grace White, *Drama*
 William Dalton White, *English*
 Nina Maria Okita Whittaker, *summa cum laude*, *International Studies**
 Noah Thompson Williams, *English*
 Samantha Kristine Heasley Williams, *Spanish*
 Mariah Viera Williamson, *cum laude*, *Economics*, *French*
 Christopher Jeffrey Wilson, *cum laude*, *Drama*
 Hanning Wong, *Physics**
 Alicia Lynmarie Wright, *cum laude*, *International Studies*
 Shannon Elizabeth Wright, *magna cum laude*, *Biochemistry**, *Neuroscience**
 Rim Yacob Yoseph, *Neuroscience*
 Amy Kristen Young, *Art History*, *Drama*
 Anna Helena Yukevich, *cum laude*, *Drama*
 Maria Pamela Zarka, *Film*
 Han Zaw, *Political Science*
 Xindan Zhang, *Film*
 Hannah Pearl Zipperman, *cum laude*, *Drama*
 John Cameron Zito, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Mathematics*

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.

This year, for the first time, a graduate of the Camp 4 Scholars at Kenyon will be graduating from the College and wearing the Camp 4 Honor Cord. Camp 4's colors are purple and gold, with the purple representing Kenyon and the gold signifying excellence. Honor Cord awardee Tehya Ayashe Boswell, who is graduating cum laude, with High Honors in Psychology, began her relationship with Kenyon as a high-school junior participating in the Camp 4 Summer Enrichment Program.

Honors Day 2016

Outstanding Kenyon students and faculty members, along with two distinguished alumni and a parent, were recognized at the College's annual Honors Day Convocation on April 12, 2016.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Katherine Simonds Dhanani '81, director of regional and security affairs in the Bureau of African Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, and John A. Rinka '70, a retired high-school English teacher who now works with aspiring teachers at the Watson School of Education of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

In addition, two faculty members were awarded \$5,000 each as recipients of the 2016 Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards. Recognized for their superior work were Assistant Professor of English Pashmina Murthy in the junior-faculty category and Professor of Physics Paula C. Turner in the senior category.

Unless otherwise noted, winners are members of the Class of 2016.

Fellowships and Awards

Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies

Rachel Joan Sweeney

Fulbright Fellowship

Finalists

Rose Linda Carnevali-Doan

Patricia Mota

Haley Magdalene Townsend

Alternates

Tehya Ayashe Boswell

Eliza Kelly Fairbrother

Sruthi Palakurti Rao

Mary Raynor Sturgis

Barry M. Goldwater Excellence in Education Scholarship

Eliana Belden Crawford, Class of 2017

Trevor James Manz, Class of 2017

Elmer A. Graham Scholarship

Trevor James Manz, Class of 2017

Eppa Rixey III Memorial Scholarship

Peter Michael Orlos, Class of 2018

National Collegiate Athletic Association

Postgraduate Scholarship

Samuel Chase Lagasse

Alexander Robert Oles

Departmental Prizes

American Studies

The William B. Scott Award

Hannah Andrea Celli, Class of 2017

Joseph Lewin Randles

Anthropology

The Margaret Mead Award

Jennifer Jo Seely

Camila Velasquez

Art

The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award in Art

Natalie Norris Wardlaw

The Richard Kingan Liggitt Memorial

Award in Art History

Anna Emily Shinbane

The Peterson Prize

Jacqueline Marie Arkush

Biology

The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize

Kaitlin Emma Creamer

Scott Hull Freeburg

The Dorothy E. and Thomas C. Jegla Prize

Kathryn Claire Burrows, Class of 2018

Cecina Babich Morrow, Class of 2018

Chemistry

The Chemical Rubber Company

Chemistry Achievement Award

Sarah Noelle Manz, Class of 2019

The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry

Rachel Kate Dragos

The Gordon L. Johnson Research Prize

Alexander Robert Oles

Shannon Elizabeth Wright

Classics

The George L. Brain Prize

Katherine Virginia Markey

The Carl Diehl Prize

Eva Haller Buchanan-Gates,

Class of 2019

Meaghan Kelly Haling, Class of 2019

Economics

The Paul Titus Economics Prize

John Carl Nahra

English

The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship

Liam Cole Horsman, Class of 2017

Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award

Samuel Chase Lagasse

Jonathan Yao Sun

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Junior Prize

Jacob Kolling Biel, Class of 2017

Madeleine Jackson Bradford,

Class of 2017

Matthew Steven Fillmore, Class of 2017

Katherine Elizabeth Guyot,

Class of 2017

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Memorial Prize

Henri K. Gendreau

Harrison Stephen Montgomery

Emily Bacot Nason

History

The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize

Katherine Virginia Markey

The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize

Emma Wilder Conover-Crockett

Stewart Lewis Huntsman

The Curtis A. Seichter Memorial Award

Katherine Pond Adams

Guenevere Adimanthi David

Integrated Program in Humane Studies

The Richard F. Hettlinger Award

Olivia Miller Frey

International Studies

International Studies Award

Haley Magdalene Townsend

Nina Maria Okita Whittaker

Latino/a Studies

The Christopher E. Schmidt-Nowara

Latino/a Studies Award

Amelia Hannah Dunnell, Class of 2017

Patricia Mota

Mathematics

The Reginald B. Allen Prize

Robin Marie Dunn

Max Parker Heldman

The J.R. Butz Mathematics Prize

Haifeng Qiao

Jingzhao Yuan

The Solomon R.S. Kasper Prize

Madison Christine Hoffman

John Cameron Zito

Modern Languages and Literatures

The Arabic Prize

Emma Wilder Conover-Crockett

John Dixon Ryan

The Thomas Au '69 and Jack Au '73

Chinese Prize

Ayako Chandro Kuki

The Edward Harvey Prize

Abigail Carmen Arace

The Italian Prize

Theresa Marie Clark

The Japanese Prize

Ayako Chandra Kuki

The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize

Aidan Michael Gross

The Russian Prize

Dylan E. Ogden

The Spanish Prize

Amelia Hannah Dunnell

Mary Raynor Sturgis

The Charles Singer Williams Prize in

French

Abigail Louise Cooper

Music

The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade

Award in Music Performance

Jaime Soojin Cohen, Class of 2015

The Kathleen "Kay" Locke Community

Service Music Prize

Samuel Adam Graf

Seth Thomas Reichert, Class of 2017

The Gabriel A. Ben-Meir Senior Award

in Music

Aidan Michael Gross

Neuroscience

The Jon L. Williams Prize

Natalie Paige Plick

Philosophy

The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize

Trevor Anthony Kirby

Physics

The Elbe H. Johnson Prize

Austin Blane Hulse

Rachel Nicole Nguyen

Political Science

The John Chesnut Memorial Prize

Nira Natania Brooks Netsky

Psychology

The Psychology Prize

Tyler David Kimble

The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award

for Integrative Study

Madeline Rose Thompson

Religious Studies

The Simpson Prize

Samuel Chase Lagasse

Sociology

The Jane Addams Award

Emma June Welsh-Huggins,

Class of 2017

The George Herbert Mead Award

Willa Bernadine Sachs

Wanufi Regassa Teshome

Women's and Gender Studies

The Molly R. Hatcher Prize in Women's

and Gender Studies

Joseph Nathan Durham, Class of 2017

College Prizes

The George Gund Award

Jessica Hana Gorovitz, Class of 2019

The George B. Ogden Award

Julia Beth Richards

The Academy of American Poetry Prize

Ian Redmon Burnette, Class of 2018

The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize

Thomas Cooper Lippert, Class of 2018

Claire Marie Naughton, Class of 2017

The Propper Prize for Poetry

Brandonlee Cruz, Class of 2019

The John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize

Rachel Kate Dragos

The Paul Newman Trophy

Christopher Jeffrey Wilson

The Joanne Woodward Trophy

Amy Kristen Young

The Ashford Memorial Award for

Excellence in Dramatics

Julia Evelyn Colpitts

The Dance Prize

Brianne Israel Presley

North Coast Athletic Conference Scholar-

Athletes Awards

Marie Rose Laube, *women's soccer*

Patrick Brett Shevelson, *men's lacrosse*

The Jess Willard Falkenstine Awards

Madison Mahoney Breschi

Jonathan Blake Calcei

The Humanitarian Award

Jinexa Rosandra Nunez

The Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian

Award

Jinexa Rosandra Nunez

The Doris B. Crozier Award

Sarah Elizabeth Adrianowycz

The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup

Phoebe Elesta Roe

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 2019

Eva Haller Buchanan-Cates
Devon John Chodzin
Mollie Grace Greenberg
Nora Woodley James
Schuyler Schill Stupica
Matthew Bradley Youse

Science Scholars: Class of 2019

Rebecca Caroline Allen
Theodore Phillip Boggess
Seth Ellery Colbert-Pollack
Megan E. Gothard
Sawyer James Hiton
Dani N. Huffman
Karina Sue Kunka
Jesseca Morgan Kusher
Danaye Elizabeth Nixon
Kristen Marie Pitts
Kyle Mark Rose
Patrick Henry Shaw
Nadia Marie Torok
Natalie Elizabeth Twitchell
Hannah Courington Wendlandt
Abigail Marie Wilson

Trustee Opportunity Scholarships

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

Class of 2019

Gabrielle Victoria Anders
Diana Carolina Andrade
Gabrielle Aleah Bing
Channa Jena Childs
Hannah Jeanne De Lucia
Gabriella Lucero Eugenio
Michael Jose Lahanas
Andrew Alexander Lesak
Rediat Abate Mersha
Jeremy Philippe Moore
Lucas Ryan Mukai
Rachel Nicole Nguyen
Hannah Elena Orbach-Mandel
Britny Ann Patterson
Juviand Eslye Rivera
Louise Yang

Scholarships Awarded for Current Academic Year

The Mastin Scholarship

Christiana Grace Binkley, Class of 2017
Jon Funder Hansen, Class of 2017

James P. Storer Scholars

Jason Jonathan Cinti, Class of 2016
Furqan Dar, Class of 2016
Haleh Rachel Kanani, Class of 2016
Evangeline Victoria Kennedy,
Class of 2017
Katherine Elizabeth King, Class of 2017

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.

Astrid Kristina Linnea Bergman,
Class of 2016, *Sweden*
Bianca-Elena Bunoiu, Class of 2019,
Romania
Anatol Doroskevic, Class of 2019,
Czech Republic
Alexandra Jayne Hansen, Class of 2017,
United States
Jon Funder Hansen, Class of 2017,
Denmark
Siu Ting Christopher Kwan,
Class of 2016, *Singapore*
Jae June Jason Lee, Class of 2017,
South Africa
Adam Gyula Marjai, Class of 2016,
Hungary
Ashley Marie Kelly Martens,
Class of 2018, *Singapore*
Nontokozy Vuyile Mdluli,
Class of 2018, *Swaziland*
Bhekimpi Tholoana Mhlanga,
Class of 2016, *Swaziland*
Natasha M. Siyumbwa, Class of 2017,
Zambia
Lucy Eileen Vincent, Class of 2017,
England
Nina Maria Okita Whittaker,
Class of 2016, *Japan*

John W. Adams Summer Legal Studies Scholars for 2016

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.

Kenton Joseph DeBouter, Class of 2017
Nicole Brianne Horita, Class of 2018
Sarah Polly Jensen, Class of 2018
Edgar Refugio Martin, Class of 2017
Aubrianna Marie Osorio, Class of 2017
Maya Caspian Street-Sachs,
Class of 2017
Peter Noyes Thomson, Class of 2018
Ar'Reon Watson, Class of 2018
Alayne Allison Wegner, Class of 2017

Summer Democracy Scholar Program for 2016

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.

Catalina De Lourdes Odio,
Class of 2018

Summer Scholars in the Humanities and Social Sciences for 2016

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.

Juliet Emily Bellin Warren, Class of 2017
Zoe Annaleah Case, Class of 2018
Derek Severin Foret, Class of 2017
Margaret Alexandra Griffin,
Class of 2017
Samuel Joseph Larson, Class of 2017
Madeleine Jean Manly, Class of 2018
Anika Rees Massmann, Class of 2018
Lauren Elizabeth Michael, Class of 2017
Jenna Claire Rochelle, Class of 2018
James Kozol Wojtal, Class of 2018

Summer Science Scholars Program for 2016

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

Cecina Babich Morrow, Class of 2018
Emily Tillitt Balber, Class of 2017
Kathryn Claire Burrows, Class of 2018
Matthew Fowler Carney, Class of 2018
Theresa Ann Chmiel, Class of 2017
Seth Ellery Colbert-Pollack,
Class of 2019
Ellen Elizabeth Corcoran, Class of 2018
Hannah Rochelle Echt, Class of 2017
Sydney Rebecca Engelstein,
Class of 2018
David Benjamin Faller, Class of 2017
Campbell Elizabeth Fee, Class of 2018
Madeline Chellel Frischling,
Class of 2017
Ian Thomas George, Class of 2018
Jessie Marguerite Griffith, Class of 2019
Nicholas Tang Gutsche, Class of 2017
Austin Blane Hulse, Class of 2019
Taylor Lynn Jamil, Class of 2017
Erika Lynn Jensen, Class of 2017
Karina Sue Kunka, Class of 2019
Emma Laurel McGorray, Class of 2018
Sarah Mai Mohr, Class of 2017
Jeremy Philippe Moore, Class of 2019
Sarah Aymen Naguib, Class of 2017
Bryce Taylor Nicholls, Class of 2018
Leticia Osei-Bonsu, Class of 2017
Morgan Elizabeth Perrett, Class of 2017
Caroline Rose Popiel, Class of 2018
Caitlin Ann Redak, Class of 2017
Graham Hair Reid, Class of 2017
Rachel Elisabeth Schafer, Class of 2018
Christian Daniel Solorio, Class of 2018
Shaun Lamar Stewart, Class of 2017
Anna Catherine Tancredi, Class of 2019
Avery Jefferson Tishue, Class of 2017
Kenyatta Cassandra Marie France Viel,
Class of 2017
Anxu Wang, Class of 2018
Clayton William Whiteheart,
Class of 2018
Yanqi Xu, Class of 2017
John Robert Zellweger, Class of 2017

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.

Morgen Leigh Barroso
Casey Angelo Beaudouin
Tehya Ayashe Boswell
Hillary Ilayka Chavez Zaldivar
Erika Danielle Cuevas
Kye Marquel Duren
Danielle Nicole Elizarraraz
Alexandra Suzanne Gonzales
Amanda He
Christopher Kei Helm
Abraham Oluwadamilola Lawal
Ngoc Bao Le
Lemanuel Loley
Elizabeth Catherine Ovieda
Jessica Danielle Randall
Roberto Luis Recio
Wyatt Edward Sarafin
Zachary David Sawicki

Honor Societies

Alpha Iota Sigma (Interdisciplinary Studies)

Sarah-Marie Wei-chih Choong,
Class of 2017
Eric Trinh Chu, Class of 2017
Molly Powers Donovan
Ines de Almeida Forjaz de Lacerda,
Class of 2017
Olivia Miller Frey
Henri K. Gendreau
Nicholas Steven LaPoint
Tianqi Luo, Class of 2017
Elna Zazhil Amanda McIntosh
Dylan Edward Ogden
Elissa Lynn Reiskind
Wyatt Edward Sarafin

Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics)

Alton Sanford Barbehenn, Class of 2017
Manjul Bhusal Sharma
Alexis Carroll Bollis, Class of 2017
Theresa Ann Chmiel, Class of 2017
Seth Ellery Colbert-Pollack,
Class of 2019
Abigail Lee Coleman, Class of 2017
Arthur Carl Conover, Class of 2017
Eliana Belden Crawford, Class of 2017
Desmond Giffen Dahlberg
Caroline Grace Daugherty,
Class of 2019
Laura Elizabeth Duncan, Class of 2017
Elin R. Farnell, Faculty
Shawn C. Farnell, Faculty
Derek Severin Foret, Class of 2017
Charlotte Ellis Herzog, Class of 2017
Derek O'Keeffe Hoare, Class of 2017
Ellen Topeah Holmgren, Class of 2018
Brian D. Jones, Faculty
Kathleen Michael Low
Lin Linda Miao, Class of 2017
Bob Milnikel, Faculty
Porter Ann Morgan, Class of 2018
Cecina Babich Morrow, Class of 2018
Henry Clay Myers, Class of 2018
John Carl Nahra
Claire Ellen O'Donnell-McCarthy,
Class of 2017
Hannah Rose Perry-Zeik, Class of 2018
David Powell Resnekov, Class of 2017
Marie A. Snipes, Faculty
Tudor Paul Stoian, Class of 2018
Sylvie Quinn Thomas, Class of 2017
Avery Jefferson Tishue, Class of 2017
Emily Alice Vachon, Class of 2017
Alyssa Rachel Williams, Class of 2017
Yanqi Xu, Class of 2017
Jingzhao Yuan, Class of 2018

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Laura Christina Messenger
Mira Natania Brooks Netsky
Elizabeth Grace Rooney
Daniel Joseph Semelsberger,
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Hannah Dorothy Sullivan

Sigma Pi Sigma

(Physics)

Theresa Ann Chmiel, Class of 2017
Arthur Carl Conover, Class of 2017
Eliana Belden Crawford, Class of 2017
Furqan Dar
Margaret Faye Huff
Kaicheng Li
Eva Hurd Nesbit
Haifeng Qiao
Zachary Jacob Weiner

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Lauren Steckler Bailey, Psychology
Robin Lynne Belton, Mathematics
Tehya Ayashe Boswell, Psychology
Emily Claire Bulik-Sullivan, Biology
Spencer Thomas Byers, Neuroscience
Kaitlin Emma Creamer, Biology
James Stewart Currie, Biology
Furqan Dar, Physics
Percy Nevill Gates, Physics
Jacob Griffith-Rosenberger,
Anthropology
Amanda He, Biology
Christopher Kei Helm, Biology
Madison Christine Hoffman,
Mathematics
Margaret Faye Huff, Physics
Gwendolyn Lloyd, Biology
Anne Collins Malkoff, Psychology
Eva Hurd Nesbit, Physics
Sarah Elizabeth Oleisky, Psychology
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Molecular Biology
Natalie Paige Plick, Neuroscience
Haifeng Qiao, Physics
Katherine Marie Santa Maria,
Psychology
Jennifer Jo Seely, Anthropology
Sean Richard Smith Jr.,
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Maria Lynn Sorkin, Biology
Kirstin Anne Staiger, Biology
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Hanning Wong, Physics
Shannon Elizabeth Wright,
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Karen Elizabeth Aston
Jessica Renate Bolter
Cassandra Weltner Brumback
Abigail Louise Cooper
Guenevere Adimanthi David
Erin Elizabeth Delaney
Robin Marie Dunn
Lea Clair England
Eliza Kelly Fairbrother
Scott Hull Freeburg
Haley Keisha Gabrielle
Henri K. Gendreau
Alexandra Lee Greenwald
Jacob Griffith-Rosenberger
Aidan Michael Gross
Madison Christine Hoffman
Trevor Anthony Kirby
Samuel Chase Lagasse
Kaicheng Li
Kathleen Michael Low
Katherine Virginia Markey
Aislinn Rose McKeown
Harrison Stephen Montgomery
Mira Natania Brooks Netsky
Kathryn Jean Nickley
Dylan Edward Ogden
Alexander Robert Oles
Stephanie Renee Penix
Natalie Paige Plick
Anna Carolyn Recchie
John Dixon Ryan
Sarah Ann Schnebly
Mary Raynor Sturgis
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Camila Velasquez
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Commencement 2016

The College's one hundred eighty-eighth Commencement ceremony features an acclaimed fiction writer, a distinguished poet, a noted environmental activist and writer, three retiring faculty members with a combined total of more than one hundred years of service, Kenyon's longtime vice president for finance, the College's dean of students, and the four-hundred fifteen young men and women of the Class of 2016 who will parade down Middle Path one last time before taking themselves and their diplomas out into the world.

Depending on the weather, and the seventeen-year cicadas, 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 20, at 1:30 p.m.

This year's Baccalaureate speaker, chosen by the seniors, was Michael K. Durham, substance-abuse educator and counselor at the College's Cox Health and Counseling Center. A member of the counseling staff since 2006, he is a licensed social worker and a licensed independent chemical dependency counselor with a B.S. in social work from Bowling Green State University. He is also a much-admired advocate for students and their needs.

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. The weekend has also featured all-campus seminars led by Kate Hedeem, associate professor of Spanish, and Judy Holdener, professor of mathematics.

Today, the address to the graduating class will be offered by John M. Green, who will receive an honorary doctorate from the College. In addition, Kenyon will honor William F. Klein, Joseph G. Nelson, Linda Pastan, Howard L. Sacks, Karen F. Snouffer, Henry P. Toutain, and Terry Tempest Williams. An honorary doctorate will also be conferred, posthumously, on Natalia L. Olshanskaya.

In the years since his own graduation from Kenyon in 2000, John Green has become one of the most acclaimed writers of young-adult fiction in his generation. His name appears frequently on best-seller lists along with such works as *Paper Towns* and *The Fault in Our Stars*, both of which have been made into feature films.

Green majored in English and religious studies at the College, graduating cum laude and earning distinction on his senior exercise in religious studies. After earning his degree, and with a career in the Episcopal ministry in mind, he went on to serve as a student chaplain at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. His experiences with the ill children there inspired his turn to writing as an occupation.

While living in Chicago, Illinois, and New York City, Green made his living as a book reviewer. He published his first book, *Looking for Alaska*, in 2005, winning critical plaudits and the Michael L. Printz Award from the American Library Association. His other books, in addition to those already mentioned, include *An Abundance of Katherines* and two co-authored volumes, *Let It Snow: Three Holiday Romances*, with Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle, and *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*, with David Levithan.

Recipient of numerous honors for his fiction, including the Children's Choice Book Award, the Edgar Allen Poe Award, and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, Green has also made a name for himself as a video blogger (vlogger) and pod-caster along with his brother, Hank Green. The brothers are the creators of Crash Course and Crash Course Kids, which provide educational programs for both teenagers and younger children, and the founders of Project for Awesome, which creates videos in support of charities and other nonprofit entities.

Green now makes his home in his native Indianapolis, Indiana, with his wife, Sarah Urist Green, a curator of art and the host of the PBS web program *The Art Assignment*. The couple has two children, Henry and Alice.

Bill Klein, professor of English, will be awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters. A graduate of Butler University, he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Klein came to Kenyon in 1968, the last year in which the College was an all-male institution. Hired particularly to teach a course in linguistics and the history of the English language for students who were interested in becoming teachers, he is proud to say it remained one of his most popular courses. Over the years, his class and seminar topics, including the long-running "Modern Short Story," ranged widely across American and English literature. Klein and his wife, Friday Cafe cofounder Joyce Klein, are the parents of Kenyon graduates Thomas Klein '90, Anna Klein-Christie '93, and Michael Klein '99.

A graduate of Ohio State University, where he earned a B.S. in business administration, Joe Nelson joined the College in 1978 as comptroller. He was promoted to the post of vice president for finance in 1987. During Nelson's twenty-eight years in the job, Kenyon continued its longstanding tradition of balanced budgets, and its endowment grew from \$30 million to more than \$210 million. An accomplished chess player, and a member of the U.S. Chess Federation, he spent many years working with the College's Chess Club.

In recognition of his many services to the community, and his numerous friendships among alumni, Nelson was inducted into Kenyon's Class of 1973 as an honorary member. He moved into the newly created position of chief investment officer for the College in July 2015. Longtime partners in the accountancy firm of Nelson and Nelson, based in Mount Vernon, Ohio, Nelson and his wife, Sally Nelson, are the parents of two daughters, Brooke and Lindsey.

Natalia (known as Natasha) Olshanskaya, professor of Russian, was a member of the Kenyon faculty from 1997 until her death on January 20, 2016. Born in the Ukrainian city of Odessa, then a part of the Soviet Union, she earned her bachelor's degree in English literature, her master's degree in foreign-language teaching, and her doctorate in linguistics from Odessa State University. She went on to teach at Odessa State from 1975 to 1992, when she was offered a one-year post at Scotland's University of St. Andrews.

Olshanskaya left the Soviet Union with just an exit visa and a suitcase, with the expectation that she would return to Odessa after her year in Scotland. Her next stop, though, was the College of William and Mary, where she taught as a visitor from 1993 to 1997, the year she joined the Kenyon faculty as a visiting assistant professor of Russian. After winning a tenure-

track job at the College in 2000, and a Whiting Award for summer research work the following spring, she earned tenure and promotion to associate professor in 2003 and full-professor status in 2011. Her areas of expertise included cinema studies, stylistic analysis of texts and genres, and translation theory.

Olshanskaya won Kenyon's Trustee Teaching Excellence Award, its highest form of faculty recognition, in 2005. Also a member of the College's international-studies faculty, she helped numerous students successfully apply for Fulbright awards. She was survived by her husband, Don Monson, a retired member of the William and Mary faculty and an affiliated scholar at Kenyon, and her daughter, Ksenia Sokolyanskaya '04.

Grandmother of a graduate in the Class of 2016, Linda Pastan is a renowned poet with more than a dozen books to her credit. Among them are *A Fraction of Darkness*, *Queen of a Rainy Country*, and, most recently, *Insomnia*, published in 2015. A graduate of Radcliffe College, which has honored her with its Distinguished Alumnae Award, she is also the winner of a Maurice English Poetry Award, a Pushcart Prize, and a Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize from the Poetry Foundation.

Pastan, who has twice been a nominee for the National Book Award, is a poet of the quotidian, dealing with such subjects as aging, family life, and the fragility of relationships. From 1991 to 1995, she held the post of poet laureate of Maryland. She lives in Potomac, Maryland, with her husband, physician and researcher Ira Pastan.

Howard Sacks, professor of sociology, will also receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters. Holder of a B.A. from Case Western Reserve University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he has been a member of the Kenyon faculty since 1975. Sacks was the College's first recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Teaching Professorship. His courses have dealt with social psychology, contemporary theory, field research, and community. A widely published scholar and author of the award-winning *Way Up North in Dixie*, he directed Kenyon's Rural Life Center and maintained affiliations with the African Diaspora and American Studies programs. Sacks and his wife, Judith Rose Sacks, parents of Hannah Rose Sacks '08, live on a farm a few miles east of Gambier.

Karen Snouffer, professor of art, will be awarded an honorary doctorate in fine arts. With a B.S. and an M.F.A. from Ohio State University, she has been a member of the College's studio-art faculty since 1998, concentrating on installation and multi-media processes. Snouffer explores themes related to identity, history, and place and their intersections and exhibits her work in both regional and national venues. A former fellow of the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts, and artist-in-residence at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California, she has received six fellowships from the Ohio Arts Council as well as grants from the Great Lakes Colleges Association and the McGregor Foundation. Snouffer and her husband, Dan Snouffer, are the parents of an adult son, Tyler Snouffer.

Hank Toutain, dean of students, will receive an honorary doctorate of laws. A graduate of Providence College, he took both his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Toutain came to Kenyon as dean of students in 2009, following nineteen years as vice president and dean at Gustavus Adolphus College and earlier tenures in student-affairs positions at

Fordham and Bucknell universities and the University of Chicago. As dean of students, he led the College's Student Affairs Division until the appointment of Vice President Meredith Harper Bonham '92 in 2015. He chose to continue as dean rather than seek the new vice presidency in order to focus on specific student and family issues, conflict resolution, and problem solving. Toutain and his wife, Bev, are the parents of two adult children, a daughter and a son.

Terry Tempest Williams, a conservationist as well a writer whose work is rooted in the American West, will be awarded an honorary doctorate of letters. A native of California and a bachelor's and master's graduate of the University of Utah, she published her first book, *The Secret Language of Snow*, with Ted Major in 1984. The children's book went on to win the National Science Foundation Book Award.

Williams's other books, which comprise essays, nonfiction, and poetry, include the award-winning memoir *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place* as well as *Finding Beauty in a Broken World* and, most recently, *The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks*. She has also published widely on environmental and social issues in such venues as the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, and *Orion*. Williams divides her time among Utah, Wyoming, and New Hampshire, where she has taught as a visiting professor at Dartmouth College.

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 (which you may already have noticed): 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, 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.

