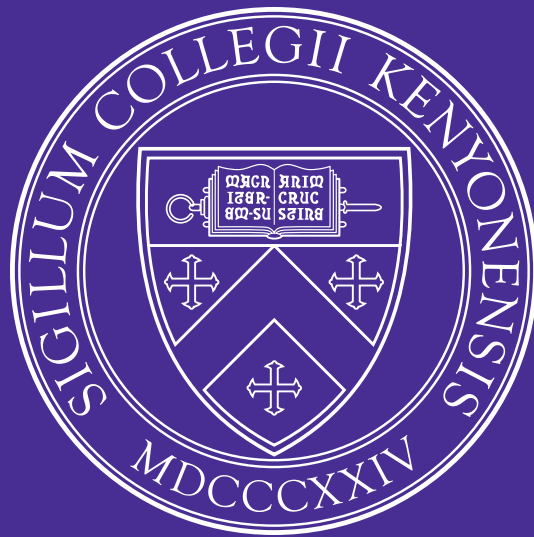
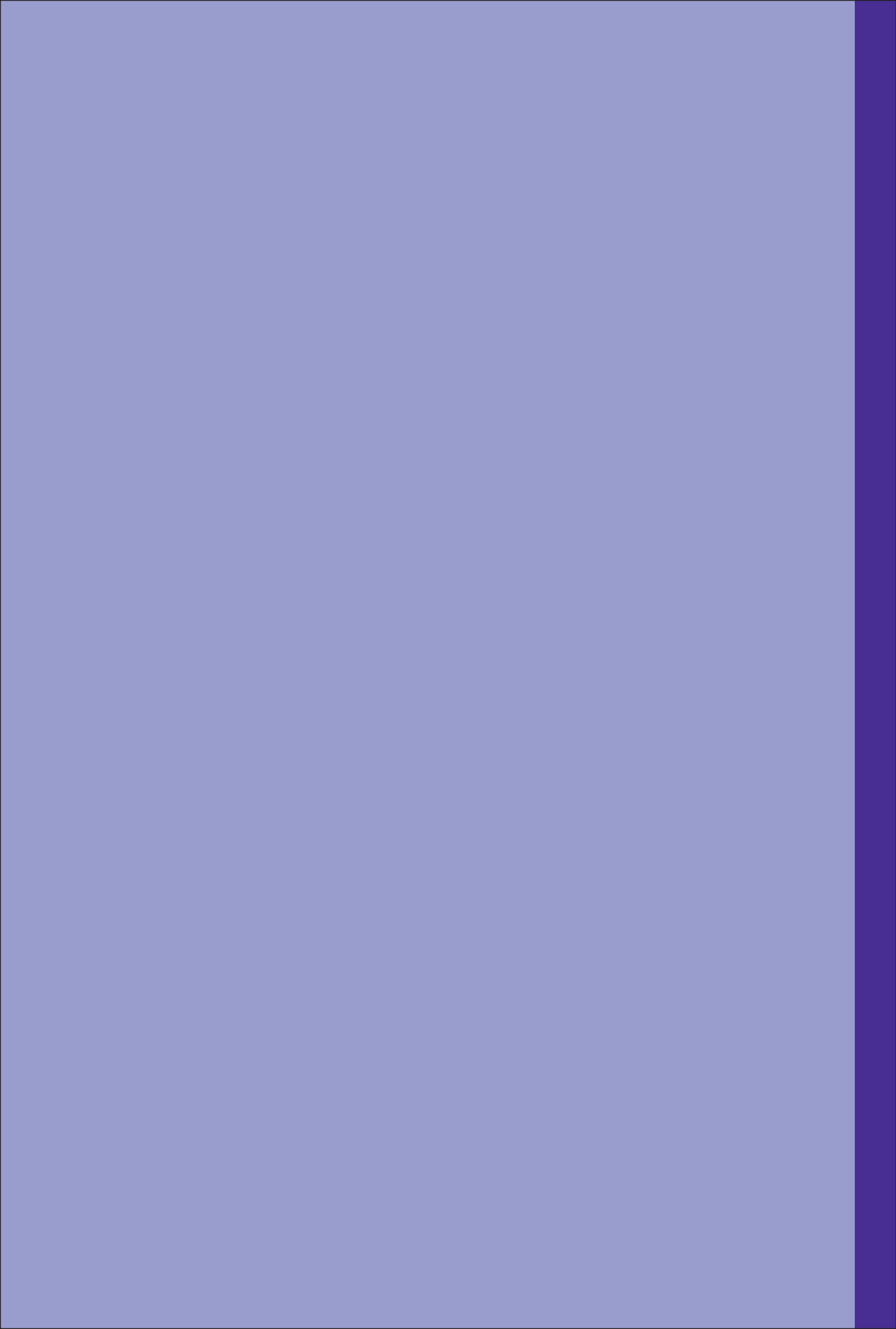


# The 193rd Commencement of Kenyon College



May 21, 2021  
10:30 a.m.  
McBride Field



# Program

Sean M. Decatur, President, *presiding*  
H. Abbie Erler, *Faculty Marshal*  
Orchid Tierney, *Secretary of the Faculty*

## Processional

*Serenade in G Major, K. 525,*  
*Eine kleine Nachtmusik*  
*by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Performed by the Knox County Symphony  
Conducted by Benjamin R. Locke,  
*Professor of Music*

## Invocation

Marc W. Bragin  
*College Chaplain; Co-Director, Spiritual and*  
*Religious Life; Director, Kenyon Hillel*

Rev. Rachel C. Kessler  
*College Chaplain; Co-Director, Spiritual and*  
*Religious Life; Rector, Harcourt Parish*

## Welcome

Harvey F. Lodish  
*Emeritus Trustee, Kenyon College*

Sean M. Decatur  
*President of Kenyon College*

## Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Jeffrey A. Bowman  
*Provost*

## Remarks

Hannah D. Petrich  
*President of the Class of 2021*

## Baccalaureate Address

Edward M. Schortman  
*J. Kenneth Smail Professor of Anthropology*

## Announcement

Members of the Class of 2021 elected  
to membership in Beta Chapter of Ohio  
of Phi Beta Kappa

Robert S. Milnikel  
*Professor of Mathematics*

## Presentation of the Class of 2021

Provost Bowman

Robin D. Hart Ruthenbeck  
*Dean of Students*

## Conferring of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

## Awarding of the Diplomas of the College

President Decatur

Simon P. Garcia  
*Associate Professor of Chemistry*

Orchid Tierney  
*Assistant Professor of English*

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

## Closing Words to the Class of 2021

President Decatur

## Benediction

Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth Jr.  
*Episcopal Bishop of Ohio*

## Kokosing Farewell

*Led by Professor Locke*

## Recessional

*Serenade in G Major, K. 525, Eine kleine Nachtmusik*

## Senior Class Committee

Hannah Danielle Petrich, *President*

Afomia Negussie Ayele

Elizabeth Ellen Barrowman

Natalie Katherine Cady

Emily Nicole Criss

Phu Cong Duong

Molly Danielle Keen

Julia Ann Mahoney

Rugin Mu

Cooper Gehrig Murray

Daniel J. Napsha

Savannah Noel Overly

Shawn Pablo Ruiz

Samuel Constantine Turecki

## Other Participants

### Marshals

H. Abbie Erler, Senior Marshal

*Associate Professor of Political Science*

John T. Giblin

*Chair of the Faculty;*

*Associate Professor of Physics*

Andrew Kerkhoff

*Associate Provost;*

*Professor of Biology*

Michelle S. Mood

*Assistant Professor of Political Science*

*and Asian Studies*

Sarah Murnen

*Samuel B. Cummings Professor of Psychology*

### Flagbearers

Erika R. Conant, *Class of 2023*

Anna Victoria Harnsberger, *Class of 2023*

# Honorary Degree Recipients

## Doctor of Science

Haruhiko “Harry” Itagaki

*Professor of Biology and Neuroscience*

Written by Wade Powell

*Professor of Biology*

Revered teacher, neurophysiologist, campus leader, loyal friend to students, alumni, and colleagues: Harry Itagaki, you arrived in Gambier as a new faculty member in 1990. While you and your young family made your long-term home in Columbus, you thrived here on campus, designing classes, attracting federal research grants, and helping to launch your students’ careers in science, medicine, business, and government service. In subsequent years, you grew as a generous servant leader: chair of biology, chair of the Natural Sciences Division, first chair of the newly conceived neuroscience department. Your social and professional networks are large and diverse, combining generations, intellectual interests, temperaments, and nationalities. You marshaled a collaboration of Kenyon biologists and mathematicians, transcending your core expertise in neuroscience to win National Science Foundation support to investigate metabolic scaling, one of the fundamental mysteries of anatomy and physiology. Sabbatical residencies in French laboratories led to Gambier visits by your collaborators and a years-long effort to hike the Camino de Santiago. Never hesitant to intercalate seemingly distinct groups of colleagues and friends, you organized excursions to ball games, orchards, museums, concerts, restaurants, even Danville’s annual racoon dinner, and you formed groups to train for marathons, prepare gourmet meals, brew beer, drink whiskey, and roast pigs. You now conclude your career with unflinching loyalty and generosity, leading the biology department as chair during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we celebrate your remarkable career at Kenyon, farewells are not part of the equation. We instead welcome your return to the fold of Gambier residents, who eagerly anticipate many adventures with you in the future.

## Doctor of Letters

Janet E. McAdams

*Robert P. Hubbard Professor in Poetry*

Written by Wendy Singer

*Roy T. Wortman Distinguished Professor of History*

Janet McAdams, when you arrived here in 2001, could you have imagined INK, the student organization “Indigenous Nations at Kenyon,” or the College’s land-acknowledgement statement, recognizing this place as once the homeland of Lenape, Miami, Shawnee, and Wyandotte people, or our current courses on indigenous literature and history and a farm growing three sisters crops? You planted the seeds and cultivated the interest that led to these transformations. Indeed, in your first year at Kenyon you organized a conference of “Indigenous Feminisms.” And year after year, as the Robert P. Hubbard Professor, you brought us poets whose work resonated in different voices and languages. Recently, you returned to the study of Spanish, the language you once taught in Central America, thereby reshaping some of your new writing and translations projects. Always the scholar-teacher, you built a legacy of students from your classrooms and workshops who have gone on to accomplishments in every field. These are your many incarnations — professor, editor, scholar of literature, activist, mentor, and funny, brilliant reader of poems. But your greatest gift to Kenyon — to the world — is your *poetry*. As you write in “Pulse,”

It isn’t over in the after you could be  
anything a horse a red pepper heating up  
in the sun of the garden or be

a professor emerita, and a poet in the sunshine.

## Doctor of Science

Robert A. Mauck  
*Professor of Biology*

Written by Siobhan Fennessy  
*Philip and Sheila Jordan Professor of  
Environmental Studies and Biology*

Robert — Bob — Mauck, you came to Kenyon eighteen years ago, having embraced adventure through a variety of experiences, including work as a smokejumper, parachuting in to extinguish wildland fires, founding a startup software company, and serving a year-long stint coaching American football in Italy. All of this enriched your work as teacher, scientist, mentor, colleague, and friend, and inspired scores of students to pursue their own dreams and ambitions. Your work here has been similarly varied, involving students in long-term research on a population of Leach's storm petrels on Kent Island in the Bay of Fundy, the behavior of house wrens in Ohio, and modeling the impacts of climate change on avian reproduction. You were awarded the Trustee Teaching Excellence Award in 2009, a testament to the rigor and creativity you bring to the classroom, instilling the understanding that science is not so much about knowing the answers as it is about asking insightful questions. You brought your characteristic wit and rationality to conducting the work of the College, leading search committees, chairing departments, and developing plans for Kenyon's growing computational studies program. Most of all you have been a friend, and we will miss your good humor and generosity of spirit. For this and much more, we honor you today.

## Doctor of Humane Letters

Clara Román-Odio  
*Professor of Spanish*

Written by Gregory P. Spaid  
*Professor Emeritus of Art*

Clara Román-Odio, award-winning teacher, scholar, translator, community builder, dear friend: today we celebrate your abundant accomplishments, and we take special joy in acknowledging the ways you have enriched the lives of so many in the community, here at Kenyon and beyond. In 1981, you left your beloved home, Puerto Rico, and the culture that sustains you, to continue your education in comparative literature at Purdue University and the University of North Carolina, where you earned your doctorate. Then, to our great benefit, you accepted an appointment at this college in 1992 to teach courses in Spanish language and culture. You brought to your courses an infectious energy and passion for learning that ignited your students. Your luminous presence was the embodiment of the language and cultures you taught, and you became a model for a wholly engaged life of purpose and service. You worked to initiate our Latino/a Studies Concentration and to expand the Program in Women's and Gender Studies to include transnational feminisms. You were the animating force behind Kenyon's embrace of community-engaged learning and the first faculty director of the Office for Community Partnerships, where you fostered collaborations on an inspiring array of projects to strengthen the College's ties to its neighbors. A prolific scholar, you published three books and numerous articles and presented conference addresses throughout the world. Recently, you were invited by Oxford University Press to write an annotated bibliography of the work of Octavio Paz, the subject of your first book and the poet perhaps closest to your heart. Since you arrived in this unfamiliar place as a young Latina, you have used your gifts to bring people together across difference, language, and culture to build a more welcoming and just community. For this and so much more, we honor you.

## Doctor of Humane Letters

Peter M. Rutkoff

*Professor of American Studies*

Written by David H. Lynn

*Professor of English; Editor Emeritus,*

*Kenyon Review*

Teacher, mentor, friend — that's how generations of Kenyon students have come to know you, Peter Rutkoff. And the strong, guiding relationships you have forged with them now span decades. Over and over again, you have gone beyond thrilling classroom discussions — for you have inspired your students to make a difference in the world and to be their own best selves. But the legacy you have crafted here extends beyond your role as teacher. It has been born out of your own deepest self — a commitment to moral leadership and social justice. Again and again you have challenged the College to rise to a higher standard and be an institution guided by fairness, inclusiveness, and a moral heart. So many of the programs we hold dear, such as the Kenyon Academic Partnership, we owe to your creativity and steadfast leadership. Through this program, College faculty members have strengthened high schools throughout Ohio while attracting talented and diverse students to a small college they might otherwise never have considered. As a scholar, too, you have produced much distinguished work, including, in collaboration with your colleague Will Scott, *Fly Away: The Great African-American Migrations* and *New York Modern*. We are grateful, Peter, and we are proud to honor you today.

## Doctor of Humane Letters

Edward M. Schortman

*J. Kenneth Smail Professor of Anthropology*

Written by Marne Ausec

*Director, Center for Global Engagement*

Ed Schortman, for the last forty years you have given Kenyon students the generosity of your knowledge, patience, and wit. As a co-director of the *Proyecto Santa Barbara*, *Proyecto Valle de Naco*, and *Proyecto Valle de Caucalapa* projects, you combined your loves of theory, data, teaching, scholarship, and Honduras. These projects, many funded by national agencies, have given undergraduate students the opportunity to do graduate-level research through the Kenyon-Honduras Program. You specifically sought out those who were underrepresented in archaeology and created, with Professor Emerita Pat Urban, a ground-breaking field school held over the course of an entire semester. While not all of your students continued in archaeology, they all gained an appreciation for and understanding of the complexities of life in a small Honduran village. Central America became not a mass of faceless people but the home of very real individuals with whom students lived and learned. You taught that the past is not an abstract place but a link to the present, providing the background for current realities. You gave voice to those on the periphery and made them central, whether they were undergraduate students, Honduran *campesinos*, or the denizens of pre-Columbian settlements. Whether on a paper, at an excavation, or in an email message, your “keep up the good work” meant a great deal for those who were not always seen. *Mil gracias* for modeling what it means to be an archaeologist, a mentor, a teacher, a parent, and a friend.

## Doctor of Fine Arts

Ellen E. Sheffield  
*Instructor of Art*

Written by Claudia Esslinger  
*Professor of Art*

Ellen Sheffield, artist of the book, mentor of many, storyteller and wise friend, today we celebrate you and your many contributions to Kenyon College. In this place that loves literature, you have embraced the physical form that words sit upon, extending their meaning by marking and folding, rubbing and tearing, stitching and drawing. From your hands, the fonts fall onto rag papers and fishbone pleats. Images whisper and shout, onto kozo and clamshell. You embrace human stories through collaborations and solo projects widely admired in exhibitions and collections from New York to California. Prestigious artist residencies and fellowships have underscored the quality of your endeavors. You carry this work to the classroom, where your students appreciate your interdisciplinary approach, “always visual, but based in research, creative expression, and careful skill.” They admire your “delightfully kooky personality, your humor, and your refined artistic and poetic talent.” You inspire confidence, with a keen interest in them as individuals, seeing them as “fellow artists, friends, confidants, creators, and kindred souls.” Your organizational skills are legendary, from the classroom to former positions as a program director with the Olin Gallery and the *Kenyon Review* and as an arts attorney. By combining attention to detail, deep care for individuals, and a lovely sense of humor, you have captured the devotion of colleagues and students alike.

## Doctor of Humane Letters

Timothy Baker Shutt  
*Professor of Humanities*

Written by Katherine Elkins  
*National Endowment for the Humanities  
Distinguished Teaching Associate Professor  
of Comparative Literature and Humanities*

with Lisa Dowd Schott and Amy Heasley Williams

Known for your wide breadth of knowledge, your skilled teaching abilities, and your commitment to the College, you enthralled students in the classroom as well as legions of alumni and parents. Immersed fully in the fabric of the Kenyon community, you provided unwavering support of the College’s student-athletes. You coached swimming; you coached diving; you mentored students; and you wrote countless letters of recommendation, helping Kenyon become a leader in NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Awards. A long-time swimming announcer, you earned the affectionate title of “the voice of Division III swimming and diving,” engaging the audience with your animated narrative just as you did in the classroom. As director of the College’s Integrated Program in Humane Studies, you taught alongside your colleagues as both friend and mentor in the joint pursuit of wisdom. In truth, we were all your students. We will long remember how you engaged us with Dante’s *Inferno*, with the mysteries and legends of the firmament, and with ghostly tales of the Kenyon campus. As Dante Alighieri wrote, “Do not be afraid, our fate cannot be taken from us; it is a gift.” Your brilliance as an orator and teacher was a gift to us all.



## Doctor of Fine Arts

Gregory P. Spaid

*Professor Emeritus of Art*

Written by Ric Sheffield

*Professor of Legal Studies and Sociology*

Gregory Spaid, teacher, artist, and for the fortunate few of us, good friend: At Kenyon, you have contributed to the well-being of this place in your many roles. Arriving first on this hill as a student, your tenure would ultimately include appointments as professor, department chair, associate provost, and provost. Interdisciplinary and widely read, you have earned national recognition for your photographs, which are in collections ranging from New York City's prestigious Museum of Modern Art to the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles. You have accomplished so much for which to be proud, but to merely list these things does you a disservice. As a photographer, you brought your unique lens to extraordinary vistas wherever you ventured. As chief academic officer, you were the first to bring the sensibilities of an artist to the rigors of the bureaucratic tasks of administration. Just as you did for countless students that you mentored and inspired, you taught your colleagues to see others as well as ourselves with greater focus. You guided us to be more compassionate, empathetic community members. With that same sharp eye and attention to detail that you exhibited in a dark room, you brought a special light into the lives of many you encountered. You dared to care deeply about this college, your alma mater, and you were never hesitant to show it. That devotion made this place and all of us better. Most of us can only aspire to make a difference in the lives of others. Rest assured, you have made a difference. For these achievements and so much more, we are indebted and inspired. Thank you.

# Bachelor of Arts

Henry Halsey Abbott  
*Mathematics*

Charles Hilker Adams  
*magna cum laude*  
*Neuroscience*

Alexia Mandla Ainsworth  
*magna cum laude, Highest Honors*  
*in English\**

Rory Alexander  
*magna cum laude*  
*Classics\**

Maopeli Martín Ali  
*Biology*

Zara Ali  
*International Studies*

Sofia Alpizar Roman  
*magna cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Kiele Layne Anderson  
*magna cum laude*  
*Sociology*

James Michael Andrews III  
*Political Science*

Brandon Gerard Arlow  
*Economics*

Hannah I. Aronson-Paxton  
*magna cum laude, Honors in History\**

Rodrigo Avila Hernandez  
*Physics*

Betul Aydin  
*International Studies*

Afomia Negussie Ayele  
*Neuroscience*

Graham Roper Ball  
*Political Science*

Elizabeth Ellen Barrowman  
*Political Science*

Camille Isabel Domogalla Baxter  
*magna cum laude*  
*Chinese and Asian and Middle East*  
*Studies Joint Major*

Alexander George Beatty  
*Studio Arts*

Samantha Grace Beck  
*cum laude*  
*Neuroscience\*, Spanish*

Ava-Rose Florence Beech  
*magna cum laude, High Honors*  
*in Environmental Studies*

Chameli Elizabeth Belk-Gupta  
*summa cum laude*  
*Drama, English\**

Liam Gerard Berg  
*magna cum laude*  
*Chinese\**

Henry Winslow Biedron  
*magna cum laude, High Honors in*  
*Psychology\**

Ilana R. Blackwood  
*Economics*

Lara Sophia Bond  
*Anthropology*

Julia Mary Borys  
*cum laude*  
*Molecular Biology*

Elisabeth Florey Bradford  
*summa cum laude*  
*Neuroscience\**

Margaret Erin Bradley  
*cum laude*  
*Environmental Studies*

Philip Anton Brain  
*magna cum laude, Highest Honors*  
*in Political Science\**

Cody Benjamin Bratzler  
*summa cum laude*  
*Studio Art\*, Psychology*

Eva Brazer  
*cum laude*  
*Biology\*, Environmental Studies\**

Liza Luria Brilliant  
*Anthropology*

Amir Kamran Brivanlou  
*magna cum laude, High Honors*  
*in Biology*

Samuel Brodsky  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\**

Alexander Stephen Brousek  
*International Studies, Spanish*

Jake Brown  
*Political Science*

Michaela Sue Brydon  
*summa cum laude*  
*Mathematics*

Jonathan Budington  
*History*

Alanta Marija Budrys  
*magna cum laude, High Honors*  
*in Biology*

Paige Elizabeth Bullock  
*summa cum laude, Highest Honors*  
*in Psychology\**

Schuyler Christian Bunn  
*cum laude, Highest Honors in*  
*French*

Rand Ralph Burnette  
*summa cum laude*  
*Physics\**

Gabriel Milton Buyske-Friedberg  
*cum laude*  
*English*

Alejandra Caba  
*Sociology*

Natalie Katherine Cady  
*Economics*

Samuel Canseco  
*Spanish\**

Madeline Elisabeth  
Cantalamessa  
*cum laude*  
*Film, Political Science*

Collyn Gabriel Carpenter  
*Philosophy*

Anjelica Jordan Carroll  
*Art History*

David William Carstens Jr.  
*English*

Helen Diana Carter  
*Drama*

Meghan Reilly Cason  
*International Studies*

James William Swent Cawthon  
*Psychology*

Vineeta Chauhan  
*magna cum laude, Honors in*  
*Psychology*

William James Christian  
*History*

Harry Francis Clennon  
*summa cum laude*  
*Political Science\**

Elizabeth Rose Cleveland  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

Lindsey Renee Conant  
*cum laude*  
*Film*

Nicholas Tickner Connelly  
*English*

Myanna Lee Cook  
*cum laude*  
*Molecular Biology\**

Lawrence Oliver Courtney  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biochemistry\**

Patrick James Craig  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

Delilah Douglas Cravens  
*Psychology*

Emily Nicole Criss  
*summa cum laude*  
*English\**

Grace Simone Cross  
*cum laude*  
*Spanish*

Julia D'Lugin Cullen  
*cum laude*  
*Studio Art*

Helen Clare Cunningham  
*cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Jaret Benjamin Dan  
*English*

Kathryn Metta Dawdy  
*summa cum laude*  
*Biology\**

Joseph Cohn DeAngelo  
*cum laude*  
*History*

Michael Joseph Devine  
*History*

Mary Margaret Dierker  
*Political Science*

Hayley Elizabeth Dietrich  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

Trenton Reed DiFilippo  
*Biology*

Noah Robert Donoghue  
*magna cum laude*  
*Economics\*, Spanish*

Benjamin Aaron Dorfman  
*Neuroscience*

Jorge David Dumenigo III  
*Economics, Spanish*

Phu Cong Duong  
*magna cum laude, High Honors in*  
*Molecular Biology*

Arlo Kenyon Durham  
*Neuroscience, Philosophy*

Elizabeth Dudley Dusek  
*magna cum laude*  
*Anthropology, Drama*

Meghan Selley Dye  
*Biology*

Julia Nicole Eckberg  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biology\**

Mara Rose Edwards  
*Religious Studies*

Margaret Constance Ellingwood  
*summa cum laude*  
*Psychology, Anthropology*

Angelica Nadya Estrada  
*International Studies*

Allegra Grace Fass  
*Physics\**

Sigal Brinna Felber  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies, Religious*  
*Studies\**

Grace Whitaker Felder  
*History*

Courtney Paige Felle  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies\**

Isabella Teresa Femia  
*cum laude*  
*Classics\*, Mathematics*

Yanno Fernandez  
*magna cum laude*  
*International Studies*

Hanna Parker Feuer  
*magna cum laude, Highest Honors*  
*in History*

Johanna Elise Fickel  
*International Studies*

Schyler Jackson Nelson Fish  
*Physics*

Micah Fisher  
*Mathematics*

Mamadou Fofana  
*cum laude*  
*American Studies*

Molly Wagner Folks  
*Molecular Biology*

Kayla Anne Foster  
*Political Science*

Katherine Beatrice Franco  
*summa cum laude, High Honors in*  
*English\**

Nathan Joseph Geesing  
*cum laude*  
*History*

RuiKun Geng  
*magna cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Celina German  
*magna cum laude*  
*History*

Birhanu Tadesse Gessese  
*cum laude*  
*English*

Andrew Joseph Bradach Gibbens  
*Economics*

Alexander Joseph Gilkey  
*cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Jesse Milton Glass  
*cum laude*  
*English*

Amanda Glazer  
*cum laude*  
*English, Psychology*

Sam Goldstein  
*History*

Callie Katherine Gompf-Phillips  
*magna cum laude*  
*Film, Psychology*

Willow Green  
*magna cum laude*  
*Dance\*, English*

Judah Greenberg  
*cum laude*  
*English\**

Sarah Gundlach Greenspon  
*Mathematics*

Kaitlyn Ryan Griffith  
*Neuroscience*

Noah Griffith-Rosenberger  
*Sociology*

Laura Buchanan Grosh  
*magna cum laude*  
*Neuroscience*

Ryn Mellicai Grutkoski  
*summa cum laude, High Honors in*  
*Physics\**

Giorgiana Jakeway Guenther  
*magna cum laude*  
*Arabic\*, English\**

Thomas Guidotti  
*magna cum laude*  
*Mathematics*

Alexandra Nicole Gulden  
*International Studies\**

Raffaella Frances Gumbel  
*cum laude*  
*Drama*

Grace Annabelle Halpern  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies*

Caylee Rose Hamilton  
*magna cum laude*  
*Environmental Studies*

David Tae-Sun Han  
*magna cum laude, High Honors in*  
*Biology*

Samara Brooke Handelsman  
*magna cum laude*  
*Drama*

Lillian Harding-Rieder  
*International Studies*

Ellen Mary Harnsberger  
*Sociology*

Audrey Heald Harrigan  
*cum laude, Honors in Economics*

Clara Ruth Hart  
*magna cum laude*  
*Studio Art*

Meam Kathleen Hartshorn  
*magna cum laude*  
*Studio Art\*, Psychology\**

Eliot Bennett Hawkins  
*cum laude*  
*Film*

Hannah Elizabeth Haynes  
*magna cum laude, High Honors in*  
*Psychology\**

Joy Christina Head  
*Biology*

William Edward Hebert  
*Political Science*

Gillian Kathlyn Heckler  
*cum laude*  
*Neuroscience*

Allison Louise Hector  
*Molecular Biology*

Cameron Delaney Henn  
*cum laude*  
*Biology, Sociology*

Andrew James Herbelin  
*Mathematics*

Jonathan Hernandez  
*French, Psychology*

Paige Elizabeth Hettinger  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\*, Women's and Gender*  
*Studies\**

August Rose Hoffman  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Elise Smith Hokanson  
*cum laude*  
*Chemistry\**

Zach Hollander  
*cum laude*  
*English*

Victoria Frances Holman  
*cum laude*  
*Biology*

Katherine Alice Howard-Fudge  
*magna cum laude*  
*Philosophy\**

Chelsea Xinlin Huang  
*summa cum laude, High Honors in*  
*Economics\*, Mathematics*

Maria R. Huey  
*magna cum laude*  
*Dance, Physics*

Miriam Rose Leckrone Hyman  
*magna cum laude*  
*Molecular Biology*

Nathaniel Burton Jacobson  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

Yujie Ji  
*English*

Cortney Elaine Johnson  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

Emma Ilise Johnston  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\**

Jaryd Nygel Jones  
*Neuroscience*

Joshua Patrick Jones  
*Economics*

Mabel Barrett Jones  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\**

Jacqueline (Jace) Elizabeth  
Juliano  
*cum laude*  
*Film*

Alexandra Yael Kahn  
*Studio Art\*, Psychology*

Jack Kane  
*cum laude*  
*French*

Dante DeCecio Kanter  
*magna cum laude*  
*American Studies\**

Jess Karan  
*summa cum laude*  
*Women's and Gender Studies\**

Jeremy Richard Kauffman  
*magna cum laude*  
*Molecular Biology*

Grace McDonnell Kavanagh  
*English, Women's and Gender Studies*

Molly Danielle Keen  
*cum laude*  
*Anthropology*

Clare Elizabeth Kelley  
*cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Stephen Kelly  
*magna cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Kieran Khanna  
*Arabic, Political Science*

Patricia Chelagat Koskei  
*International Studies*

Sophie Krichevsky  
*cum laude*  
*American Studies\**

John Robert Kunisch  
*English*

Madison Noel Ladd  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Kira Lancz  
*cum laude*  
*Studio Art, Environmental Studies\**

Zachary Raphael  
LaRocca-Stravalle  
*Biology*

Sean Thomas Lema  
*Political Science*

Elizabeth Duffy Lemire  
*Psychology*

Thad Lentz  
*Classics*

Isaac Ruben Lipkowitz  
*summa cum laude*  
*Film\**

Vicente Kemp Lobo  
*magna cum laude, Honors in Economics*

Dresden Sinclair Lonergan  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

Issalin Lopez  
*Psychology*

Joseph Frank Lucaccioni  
*cum laude*  
*Physics\**

Steven Charles Lucas  
*magna cum laude*  
*Mathematics\*, Psychology*

Anni Ma  
*cum laude*  
*Japanese*

William Deane Mackenzie  
Mackay  
*Economics*

Julia Ann Mahoney  
*Biology*

Dylan Arvilla Manning  
*summa cum laude*  
*English\**

Makena Mei-Ling Markert  
*Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies*

Arrin Nakesi Marshall  
*Russian*

Emma Kathleen Marshall  
*cum laude*  
*History, Physics\**

Oliver Thomas Martin  
*cum laude, Honors in English\**

Danielle Gabriella Martinez  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\**

Tobias Conroy McCabe  
*cum laude, High Honors in Molecular Biology*

Kayleigh Jane McCoy  
*Anthropology*

Claire Gayner McGinnis  
*Psychology*

Cole Raleigh McMahon-Gioeli  
*magna cum laude*  
*Economics\*, Mathematics*

Caroline Ayres McNeer  
*cum laude*  
*Spanish\**

Elinor Melick  
*magna cum laude*  
*Drama\**

Ifeatu Ugonna Menakaya  
*Chemistry*

Paulina Andrea Mendez  
*Studio Art*

David Harris Metzger  
*magna cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Isabelle Claire Michels  
*magna cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Aidan Jacob Fisher Miller  
*cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Anne Elise Mogilnicki  
*magna cum laude, Honors in Psychology*

Ezra Moguel  
*Physics, Sociology\**

Cristina Montiel Sánchez  
*magna cum laude*  
*Chinese, International Studies*

Gabriel Louis Montone  
*Philosophy\**

Julia Elizabeth Moran  
*magna cum laude, Honors in Economics\**

Benjamin James Morgan  
*Political Science*

Madeline Margaret Moriarty  
*cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Amelia Christina Mott  
*magna cum laude*  
*Studio Art*

Fiona Mu  
*magna cum laude*  
*Art History*

Claire Christine Laurel Murray  
*Political Science*

Ryan Dylan Nader  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biochemistry*

Daniel J. Napsha  
*cum laude, High Honors in*  
*Political Science*

Tali Marshall Natan  
*cum laude*  
*Physics*

Christopher Paul Nehasil  
*Spanish*

Paul Butler Neubauer  
*Mathematics, Physics*

Olivia Grace O'Connell  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology\**

Max Ohnesorge  
*magna cum laude, Honors in*  
*Economics*

Erika Oku  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Jacqueline Morgan O'Malley  
*magna cum laude*  
*Environmental Studies*

Noelle Elizabeth O'Neal  
*Philosophy\**

Nathalie Andrea Orellana  
Arevalo  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Grace Elizabeth Orwick  
*magna cum laude*  
*Dance, English*

Savannah Noel Overly  
*magna cum laude*  
*International Studies*

Ryan Norio Page  
*Economics*

Ariela Elizabeth Papp  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

James Thomas Paton  
*Economics*

Angelique Marie Perkins  
*cum laude*  
*Philosophy*

Kate Rei Perrin  
*magna cum laude*  
*Art History, Italian\**

Alexander Turgeon Perry  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

Maria Vizurraga Peteet  
*English*

Hannah Danielle Petrich  
*summa cum laude*  
*Arabic\**

Michael Arthur Picone  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

Che Pieper  
*cum laude*  
*Religious Studies*

Abigail Elizabeth Plone  
*cum laude*  
*Dance, Physics*

Adam Xury Pollock  
*Political Science*

Kendall Powell  
*Economics*

Elena Catherine Prenovitz  
*Economics, Environmental Studies\**

Reese Clayton Proctor  
*Economics\*, Physics*

Kayla Marie Pukys  
*cum laude*  
*Chemistry*

Nicolás Pulido Amador  
*magna cum laude, Honors in*  
*English\**  
*Philosophy*

Ebie Quinn  
*magna cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Katherine Elizabeth Reber  
*summa cum laude*  
*Drama, English\**

Katherine Hunter Regan-Loomis  
*magna cum laude*  
*International Studies*

Emma Richardson  
*magna cum laude*  
*Drama*

Kathryn Grace Riggs  
*summa cum laude, High Honors*  
*in Economics\**

Adam J. Riva  
*Philosophy*

Emmy Muskin Roday  
*magna cum laude*  
*Arabic\*, English\**

Benjamin Chetha Ros  
*English*

Kaitlin Emi Rossman  
*cum laude*  
*Chinese\*, English\**

Elena Gabriela Ruiz  
*cum laude*  
*Studio Art*

Shawn Pablo Ruiz  
*cum laude*  
*Women's and Gender Studies*

Daniel Bruce Russell Jr.  
*Philosophy*

Reed Fabe Russell  
*cum laude*  
*English*

Meredith Elise Sauer  
*summa cum laude, High Honors*  
*in English\**

Andrew Craig Savidge  
*cum laude*  
*Biochemistry\**

Charlie Scarborough  
*Anthropology*

Samantha Haun Schaffner  
*magna cum laude, High Honors in*  
*Molecular Biology*

Elena Christine Schaub  
*Psychology*

Ruby Mae Schiff  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology, Women's and Gender*  
*Studies*

Theo Schneider  
*Economics*

Greyson Beverly Schopp  
*English, Philosophy*

Jackson Warren Schorer  
*magna cum laude*  
*French*

Eric Steiner Schwartz  
*cum laude*  
*Music*

Katelyn Elizabeth Schwartz  
*cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Claire Coyner Sears  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biology*

Benjamin Cameron Sedgwick  
*Biology*

Bryn Alexandra Seltzer  
*cum laude*  
*English*

Christopher Andrew Sewell  
*Political Science*

Armiya Sadiq Shaikh  
*cum laude, Highest Honors*  
*in English\**

Zohra Elisha Shaukat  
*cum laude*  
*History*

Tara Shivani Shetty  
*Art History and Asian and Middle*  
*East Studies Joint Major*

Maya Aviva Shur  
*cum laude*  
*English, Sociology*

Chai Freida Simba  
*Classics, Environmental Studies*

Melissa Danielle Skaluba  
*cum laude*  
*Chemistry*

Molly Grey Smith  
*magna cum laude*  
*History*

Jack Louis Snow  
*Economics*

Hannah Spector  
*cum laude*  
*History*

Emma Rose Spivack  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Elizabeth Ward Stanley  
*summa cum laude*  
*Political Science*

Nicole Lynn Steady  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biochemistry\**

Emma Rachel Steinert  
*Psychology, Sociology*

Eden Frances Stephey  
*cum laude*  
*Mathematics*

Qiyam Rafiq Stewart  
*cum laude*  
*Philosophy*

Heather Nicole Stock  
*magna cum laude*  
*Environmental Studies*

Sasha Ayano Stroud  
*cum laude*  
*English, Japanese\**

Qihe Sun  
*magna cum laude*  
*Philosophy, Psychology*

James Harrison Sussman  
*magna cum laude*  
*Synoptic title: Political Narratives\**

Amna Fatima Tahir  
*Neuroscience*

Katerina Baker Tang  
*summa cum laude*  
*Mathematics\**

Miah C.W. Tapper  
*magna cum laude*  
*French\**

Henry Matthews Terhune  
*magna cum laude*  
*Philosophy\**

Eleanor Jane Tetreault  
*summa cum laude*  
*Psychology*

Luke Arthur Thompson  
*English*

Tariq Jahmal Thompson  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\**

Alice Tillman  
*cum laude*  
*Biology\**

Stephanie Ann Toma  
*cum laude*  
*English*

Gwendolyn Sky Tosaris  
*cum laude*  
*Anthropology*

Rebekah Treviño  
*cum laude*  
*Sociology*

Paris Leigh Tully  
*summa cum laude*  
*Art History\**

Samuel Constantine Turecki  
*summa cum laude, Highest Honors*  
*in Psychology*

Natalie Van Buren Unger  
*International Studies*

Ellie Valentine  
*International Studies*

Liana Mary Valin  
*cum laude*  
*Molecular Biology\**

Jennie Elliott VanMeter  
*Environmental Studies*

Angela Vasic  
*Psychology*

Alexis Corbin Vetrano  
*Biology*

Carter Michael Vivio  
*cum laude*  
*French*

Alexandra Morgan  
von Reitzenstein  
*magna cum laude*  
*English, Psychology*

Yoshio Thomas Wagner  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biochemistry*

Molly Jane Walsh  
*magna cum laude*  
*English\*, Psychology*

Xiaoyu (Dorothy) Wang  
*summa cum laude*  
*Mathematics, Physics\**



**Ben Joshua Weinman**  
*English*

**Evey Jane Weisblat**  
*English*

**Emma Wender**  
*cum laude*  
*Psychology*

**Rhayven N'dy White**  
*Biology*

**Reilly Kathleen Wieland**  
*American Studies, English*

**Kai Christopher  
Wilczewski-Shirai**  
*magna cum laude*  
*Biochemistry*

**Renee Rebecca Wolf**  
*magna cum laude*  
*English*

**Yang Wu**  
*cum laude*  
*Economics*

**Andre Ray Xie**  
*Psychology*

**Alexa Ji-Sook Rena Yoo**  
*summa cum laude*  
*English\**

**Bryan Yoshino**  
*Mathematics*

**Bangyan Zhang**  
*magna cum laude, High Honors*  
*in English\**

**Yongxiang Zhao**  
*cum laude*  
*Neuroscience*

**Chuzhu Zhong**  
*magna cum laude*  
*Sociology*

**Yixiao Zhou**  
*Economics*

**Ugnius Zilinskas**  
*cum laude*  
*Biology*

**Gabriella A. Ziobro**  
*Biology\**

## 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 students to meet their special interests, includes work in two or more departments and requires satisfactory completion of one Senior Exercise. An asterisk (\*) denotes that the student passed the Senior Exercise with distinction.



# Honor Societies

## **Alpha Iota Sigma**

*(Interdisciplinary Studies)*

Henry Halsey Abbott  
Ilana R. Blackwood  
Patrick James Craig  
Phu Cong Duong  
Julia Elizabeth Moran  
Savannah Noel Overly  
Angelique Marie Perkins  
Samuel Constantine Turecki

## **Pi Mu Epsilon**

*(Mathematics)*

Henry Halsey Abbott  
Michaela Sue Brydon  
Thomas Guidotti  
Andrew James Herbelin  
Chelsea Xinlun Huang  
Stephen Kelly  
Amelia Christina Mott  
Fiona Mu  
Eden Frances Stephey  
Katerina Baker Tang  
Xiaoyu (Dorothy) Wang  
Bryan Yoshino  
Chuzhu Zhong

## **Pi Sigma Alpha**

*(Political Science)*

Sofia Alpizar Roman  
Philip Anton Brain  
Madeline Elisabeth Cantalamessa  
Harry Francis Clennon  
Helen Clare Cunningham  
Stephen Kelly  
David Harris Metzger  
Madeline Margaret Moriarty  
Max Ohnesorge  
Elizabeth Ward Stanley

## **Sigma Pi Sigma**

*(Physics)*

Rand Ralph Burnette  
Ryn Mellicai Grutkoski  
Maria R. Huey  
Joseph Frank Lucaccioni  
Abigail Elizabeth Plone  
Xiaoyu (Dorothy) Wang

## **Sigma Xi**

*(Scientific Research)*

Charles Hilker Adams  
Afomia Negussie Ayele  
Henry Winslow Biedron  
Elisabeth Florey Bradford  
Eva Brazer  
Michaela Sue Brydon  
Paige Elizabeth Bullock  
Lawrence Oliver Courtney  
Kathryn Metta Dawdy  
Margaret Constance Ellingwood  
David Tae-Sun Han  
Hannah Elizabeth Haynes  
Gillian Kathlyn Heckler  
Steven Charles Lucas  
Tobias Conroy McCabe  
Tali Marshall Natan  
Jacqueline Morgan O'Malley  
Samantha Haun Schaffner  
Samuel Constantine Turecki  
Liana Mary Valin  
Xiaoyu (Dorothy) Wang  
Kai Christopher  
Wilczewski-Shirai

## **Phi Beta Kappa**

*(Liberal Arts and Sciences)*

Chameli Elizabeth Belk-Gupta  
Elisabeth Florey Bradford  
Cody Benjamin Bratzler  
Alanta Marija Budrys  
Paige Elizabeth Bullock  
Rand Ralph Burnette  
Michaela Sue Brydon  
Harry Francis Clennon  
Emily Nicole Criss  
Kathryn Metta Dawdy  
Margaret Constance Ellingwood  
Katherine Beatrice Franco  
Ryn Mellicai Grutkoski  
Thomas Guidotti  
David Tae-Sun Han  
Clara Ruth Hart  
Chelsea Xinlin Huang  
Jess Karan  
Isaac Ruben Lipkowitz  
Dylan Arvilla Manning  
Amelia Christina Mott  
Jacqueline Morgan O'Malley  
Hannah Danielle Petrich  
Ebie Quinn  
Katherine Elizabeth Reber  
Kathryn Grace Riggs  
Emmy Muskin Roday  
Meredith Elise Sauer  
Claire Coyner Sears  
Elizabeth Ward Stanley  
Katerina Baker Tang  
Eleanor Jane Tetreault  
Paris Leigh Tully  
Samuel Constantine Turecki  
Xiaoyu (Dorothy) Wang  
Renee Rebecca Wolf  
Alexa Ji-Sook Rena Yoo  
Bangyan Zhang

# 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.

Alexia Mandla Ainsworth  
Maopeli Martin Ali  
James Michael Andrews III  
Rodrigo Avila Hernandez  
Betul Aydin  
Elizabeth Ellen Barrowman  
Alejandra Caba  
Samuel Canseco  
Vineeta Chauhan  
Jorge David Dumenigo III  
Mamadou Fofana  
Willow Green  
Joy Christina Head  
Jonathan Hernández  
Jaryd Nygel Jones  
Joshua Patrick Jones  
Issalin Lopez  
Ezra Moguel  
Shawn Pablo Ruiz  
Qiyam Rafiq Stewart  
Rebekah Treviño  
Rhayven N'dy White  
Alexa Ji-Sook Rena Yoo

## Honors Day 2021

Outstanding Kenyon students and faculty members were recognized during the College's annual Honors Day Convocation on April 13, 2021.

Two faculty members were awarded \$5,000 each as recipients of the 2021 Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards. Recognized for their superior work were Assistant Professor of Statistics Erin Leatherman in the junior-faculty category and Professor of Political Science and International Studies Steve Van Holde in the senior category.

### Fellowships and Awards

**Boren Scholarship**  
Seamus Claire '22

**Critical Language Study Award**  
Djibril Branche '23  
Ariella Kissin '22

**Henry G. Dalton Fellowship  
in American Studies**  
Sigal Felber '21

**Fulbright Fellowship**  
Rose Paulson '20, Latvia  
Camille Baxter '21, Taiwan  
Rose Bialer '20, Argentina  
(alternate)

Georgia Stolle-McAllister '20,  
Kazakhstan (alternate)  
Hanna Feuer '21, Germany  
(alternate)  
Hannah Petrich '21, Palestinian  
Territories (alternate)

**Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship**  
Araya Caba '21  
Jess Dannery '22

**Barry M. Goldwater Excellence  
in Education Scholarship**  
Emma Becker '22

**The Elmer A. Graham Endowed  
Scholarship**  
Shanti Silver '22

**National Collegiate Athletic  
Association Postgraduate Award**  
Carter Powell '20

**National Science Foundation  
Graduate Research Fellowship**  
Rachel Nguyen '19

**Herbert Scoville Jr.  
Peace Fellowship**  
Shannon Paige '20

### Departmental Prizes

**American Studies**  
*The Muriel B. Kahl Prize in  
American Women's Culture*  
Sophie Krichevsky '21

**Anthropology**  
*The Margaret Mead Award*  
Liza Brilliant '21

**Art and Art History**  
*The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial  
Award in Art*  
Cody Benjamin Bratzler '21  
Meam Hartshorn '21

*The Richard Kingan Liggitt  
Memorial Award in Art History*  
Paris Tully '21

*The Peterson Prize in Art*  
Kira Lancz '21  
Amelia Christina Mott '21

**Biology**  
*The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize*  
Julia Nicole Eckberg '21  
Samantha Haun Schaffner '21

*The Dorothy E. and Thomas C.  
Jegla Prize*  
Erika Alejandra Pantillo '23  
Alexander Smirnov '23

*The Maxwell Elliot Power Prize*  
David Han '21  
Miriam Rose Leckrone  
Hyman '21

**Chemistry**

*The Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award*  
Maddie Friday '24

*The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry*

Ifeatu Ugonna Menakaya '21  
Ryan Dylan Nader '21

*The Gordon L. Johnson Research Prize*

Lawrence Oliver Courtney '21  
Kai Christopher Wilczewski-Shirai '21

**Classics**

*The George L. Brain Prize*  
Rory Alexander '21  
Isabella Femia '21

*The Carl Diehl Prize*

Sara Nicole Landon '24 (Greek)  
Claire Lanzendorf '24 (Latin)

**Economics**

*The Paul Titus Economics Prize*  
Chelsea Xinlin Huang '21  
Kathryn Grace Riggs '21

**English**

*The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship*  
Aaliyah C. Daniels '23  
Michelle Lin '23

*The Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award*

Willow Green '21  
Tariq Thompson '21

*The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Junior Prize*

Dylan Hartman '22  
Audrey Mueller '22  
Amanda Pyne '22

*The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Memorial Prize*

Alexia Mandla Ainsworth '21  
Meredith Sauer '21

**Environmental Studies**

*Environmental Studies Outstanding Senior Award*  
Ava-Rose Florence Beech '21  
Jacqueline Morgan O'Malley '21

**History**

*The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize*  
Grant Holt '22  
Henry Morgenthau Wessel '22

*The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize*

Hayley Beluch '22  
Hanna Feuer '21

*The Curtis A. Seichter Award*  
Hannah Petrich '21

**Integrated Program in Humane Studies**

*The Richard F. Hettlinger Award*  
Julia Elizabeth Moran '21

**International Studies**

*The International Studies Award*  
Savannah Noel Overly '21

**Latino/a Studies**

*The Christopher E. Schmidt-Nowara Latino/a Studies Award*  
Betania Escobar '21

**Mathematics**

*The Reginald B. Allen Prize*  
Steven Charles Lucas '21  
Katerina Tang '21

*The Solomon R.S. Kasper Prize*  
Thomas Guidotti '21

Amelia Christina Mott '21

**Modern Languages and Literatures**

*The Arabic Prize*  
Gigi Guenther '21  
Hannah Petrich '21

*The Thomas Au '69 and Jack Au '73 Chinese Prize*  
Liam Gerard Berg '21

*The Edward Harvey Prize in French*

Miah Tapper '21

*The Charles Singer Williams Prize in French*

Schuyler Bunn '21  
Jack Kane '21

*The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize in German*

Katerina Tang '21

*The Italian Prize*

Kate Rei Perrin '21  
Paris Tully '21

*The Japanese Prize*

Sasha Ayano Stroud '21

*The Natalia Olshanskaya Scholarship in Russian Studies*

Christopher Michael Bechtol '23

*The Russian Prize*

John Laurent Sutherland '23

*The Spanish Prize*

Samuel Canseco '21  
Samuel Elston Hosmer-Quint '22

**Music**

*The Gabriel A. Ben-Meir Senior Award in Music*  
Eric S. Schwartz '21

*The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award in Music Performance*

Sabrina E. Halavy '20  
Eleanor Wellik '20

*The Kathleen "Kay" Locke*

*Community Service Prize in Music*  
Kathryn Dawdy '21

**Neuroscience**

*The Jon L. Williams Prize*  
Afomia Ayele '21

**Philosophy**

*The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize*  
Henry Matthews Terhune '21

### Physics

*The Elbe H. Johnson Prize*

Kali Wayt '23

Braden Yeshe Zeman '24

### Political Science

*The John Chesnut Memorial Prize*

Philip Brain '21

Harry Clennon '21

### Psychology

*The Psychology Award for*

*Outstanding Service*

Hannah Haynes '21

*The Wilson Award for Academic*

*Excellence in Psychology*

Henry Winslow Biedron '21

### Religious Studies

*The Simpson Prize*

Sigal Felber '21

### Sociology

*The Jane Addams Award*

Araya Caba '21

Makena Markert '21

*The George Herbert Mead Award*

Ebie Quinn '21

### Women's and Gender Studies

*The Molly R. Hatcher Prize in*

*Women's and Gender Studies*

Virginia Kane '22

### College Prizes

**The George Gund Award**

Nicholas Becker '22

Molly Orr '24

**The George B. Ogden Prize**

Birhanu Tadesse Gessese '21

**The Academy of American  
Poetry Prize**

Tariq Thompson '21

**The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize**

Judah Greenberg '21

**The Propper Prize for Poetry**

Michelle Lin '23

**The John Crowe Ransom**

**Poetry Prize**

A. Shaikh '21

**The Barbara H. Reitsma Award  
of the Math and Science**

**Skills Center**

Rand Ralph Burnette '21

**The Ashford Memorial Award**

**for Excellence in Dramatics**

Lindsey Conant '21

**The James E. Michael Prize in  
Playwriting**

Sarah Nicole Groustra '22

Elinor Davis Melick '21

**The Paul Newman Trophy**

Thomas "Teddy" Dunn

Fischer '22

Juwan Teddyson Jackson '24

**The Joanne Woodward Trophy**

Katherine Elizabeth Reber '21

**The Dance Prize**

Willow Green '21

**The Leopoldo López**

**Student Award**

Katelyn Elizabeth Schwartz '21

**The Middle Path Partnership  
Award for Community Service**  
Sigal Felber '21

**The Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Humanitarian Award**

Hanaa Ibrahim '21

**The Doris B. Crozier Award**

Jorge Dumenigo '21

**The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup**

Jonathan Hernández '21

# Commencement 2021

Kenyon's 2021 graduation ceremony and other senior activities will be unlike any others in the College's nearly two-hundred-year history. In order to accommodate as many traditions as possible while maintaining the cautious atmosphere mandated by the COVID-19 pandemic, Kenyon has opted to incorporate elements of the Baccalaureate Service and the Senior Sing usually held the day before graduation. This year, the Baccalaureate Address, which will replace the usual Commencement Address, will be delivered by a retiring professor at the College, Edward M. Schortman, who was chosen for the honor by the graduating seniors.

Schortman is among this year's honorary degree recipients, all of whom are retiring Kenyon faculty members who have together given more than two hundred sixty years of service to the College. All have been recognized before today — by their colleagues, their students, their disciplines, and funding agencies — for the high quality of their work. Among them are multiple recipients of Kenyon's Trustee Teaching Excellence Award, of student prizes, and of fellowships from national agencies and foundations. Several are known for their publications, of both scholarly and popular works, while others are represented in leading art collections here in the United States and abroad.

The retiree with the longest history at the College is Peter M. Rutkoff, a professor of American studies who joined Kenyon's history faculty in 1971. A graduate of St. Lawrence University with a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, he began his career as a scholar of European history before turning his attention to American studies as one of the founders of the College's program in that field. His interest in African-American history and issues led to his creation, with faculty colleague William B. Scott, of "North by South," a course on the Great Migration that was a cornerstone of the program and an impetus for their book on the topic. In addition to several other histories, Rutkoff has also published a number of volumes of fiction and memoir.

Rutkoff is well known for his role in the creation and growth of the Kenyon Academic Partnership, which links the College and its faculty members with thirty Ohio secondary schools,

some of them with majority enrollments of underserved students. He is a fifty-year resident of Gambier and the father of two children.

The second longest record of service belongs to Professor of Art Gregory P. Spaid, who joined the art faculty forty-two years ago. A 1969 graduate of Kenyon, he went on to earn an M.F.A. from Indiana University and teach at Kentucky's Berea College before returning to his alma mater after a decade. He is a specialist in photography with additional expertise in drawing, mixed media, and art education. His own work, which has been featured in numerous group and solo exhibitions, is represented in the collections of the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American Art. He has also published books of his photography, including *Grace: Photographs of Rural America* and *On Nantucket*.

Spaid served for nine years in Kenyon's academic administration, six of them as the College's provost. He is married to Susan Spaid, who retired after many years as Kenyon's coordinator of Common Hour and Faculty Lectureship events. He and his wife, who have lived in Gambier throughout his time on the College's faculty, are the parents of two children.

Ed Schortman, the J. Kenneth Smail Professor of Anthropology, came to Kenyon in 1981. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Delaware, he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. His areas of expertise range from the archaeology of Mesoamerica to politics, trade, and the history of theory. He has taken pride in the full-fledged participation by his students in the archaeological research he has conducted in the Naco Valley of Honduras. Since 2006, he has been the incumbent of the Smail Chair, named for a former colleague in the anthropology department. He shared the chair with his wife, Professor Emerita Patricia A. Urban, with whom he founded and ran the Kenyon-Honduras Program beginning in 1985, until her retirement from the College in 2016.

Longtime residents of Gambier, Schortman and Urban are the parents of a Kenyon alumnus, Hayden N. Schortman '08.

Timothy Baker Shutt, who earned his bachelor's degree at Yale University and his doctorate from the

University of Virginia, joined the College's English faculty in 1986 and later became affiliated with the Integrated Program in Humane Studies. He is a specialist in medieval and Renaissance literature who has won fame both on and off campus for his lectures on Dante. A winner of the 1993 Trustee Award for Distinguished Teaching and the 1991 William A. Long Memorial Award for his support of the athletic program, he is a five-time winner of the Senior Cup, awarded by vote of the graduating class to the faculty member who has contributed most to the College and the community.

Shutt also served several terms as chair and secretary of the faculty. Born in nearby Newark, Ohio, and raised in Bay City, Michigan, he has long lived in the countryside just north of Gambier with his wife, Leslie Shutt.

Professor of Biology and Neuroscience Haruhiko "Harry" Itagaki came to Kenyon in 1990 with a B.S. from Yale University and a Ph.D. from Duke University after completing postdoctoral fellowships at the University of South Alabama and the University of Arizona. The current chair of the Department of Biology, he has broad interests in neurobiology, the biological bases of behavior, and in the physiology and anatomy underlying the scaling of organisms. He has received research funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health, among others, and recognition from the College including the Trustee Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Robert J. Tomsich Science Award, and the Faculty Distinguished Service Award.

Itagaki and his wife, pediatrician Lisa A. Gichner, recently relocated to Gambier from Worthington, Ohio — the town where Kenyon was founded in 1824. Itagaki and Gichner are the parents of two daughters.

Clara Román-Odio, a native of Puerto Rico who joined the College's faculty in 1992, now serves as professor of Spanish, Latin American literature, and Latino/a studies. A graduate of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez with an M.A. from Purdue University and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she has areas of expertise that include Latin America, Latino/a cultural productions, border studies, and transnational feminisms. Her scholarship

in transnational feminisms and oral history examines how women of color helped to shape and transform the spaces where society produces its laws and social norms. A recipient of the Trustee Teaching Excellence Award, she is the author of several books and numerous scholarly publications as well as a digital exhibition, "Latinos in Rural America," recently included in the Smithsonian Institution's Traveling Exhibition Series.

Román-Odio and her husband, retired scientist Mauricio Odio, are the parents of two Kenyon alumnae, Camila Odio '11 and Catalina Odio '18.

Robert A. Mauck, professor of biology, first taught at the College as a visiting faculty member before joining the biology department on a permanent basis in 2002. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University with a doctorate from Ohio State University and a background that features employment as a coach, reporter, and smokejumper, he has developed areas of expertise that include animal behavior, physiological ecology, and science writing. His research has been funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and Kenyon's own Labalme, Newton Chun, and Faculty Development grants. He is also a recipient of the College's Trustee Teaching Excellence Award.

Mauck and his wife, Susan A. Mauck, a research scientist at Ohio State University, are residents of Gambier and parents of a Kenyon alumnus, C. Ross Mauck '15. They are also the parents of Katie Mauck, an assistant professor of chemistry at the College.

Janet McAdams came to Kenyon's English department in 2003 as the inaugural Robert P. Hubbard Professor of Poetry. A B.A. and M.F.A. graduate of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa with a Ph.D. from Emory University, she teaches courses in creative writing and Indigenous American literature. Her books include *The Island of Lost Luggage*, a winner of the American Book Award, *Feral, Red Weather*, and a chapbook of prose poems, *Seven Boxes for the Country After*. With Geary Hobson and Kathryn Walkiewicz, she edited the anthology *The People Who Stayed: Southeastern Indian Writing after Removal*.

Also a contributor to the *Kenyon Review* and a former resident director of the Kenyon-Exeter Program, McAdams is a longtime resident of Gambier.

While Ellen Sheffield, instructor of art, may not have the longest teaching record at Kenyon, she does lay claim to the longest tenure as a citizen of Knox County. Raised in Mount Vernon, Ohio, she graduated from its high school before earning bachelor's degrees from Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Art and a law degree from Ohio State University. Her specialty as a visual artist is the exploration of the relationships between language, materiality, and time through the creation of artist's books. Widely exhibited, and collected by institutions ranging from Yale University's Beinecke Library to the College of Wooster and Denison University, her works, along with her teaching, demonstrate a mastery of drawing and alternative printmaking processes.

Sheffield's positions at Kenyon before joining the studio-art faculty included coordinator and director of the Olin Art Gallery in the College's former library and programs director for the *Kenyon Review*. A mother of two, she and her husband, Professor of Legal Studies and Sociology Ric Sheffield, also a Mount Vernon native, are longtime residents of Gambier.



# 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, on the lawn between two of the College's oldest academic buildings, Ascension Hall and Samuel Mather Science Hall. 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 (now the Lowry Center) has normally 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 returned in 1999, but the onslaught, with its eerie shrilling, didn't peak until after Commencement. They were back in 2016, in large numbers, but their impact on the indoor event was minimal.

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

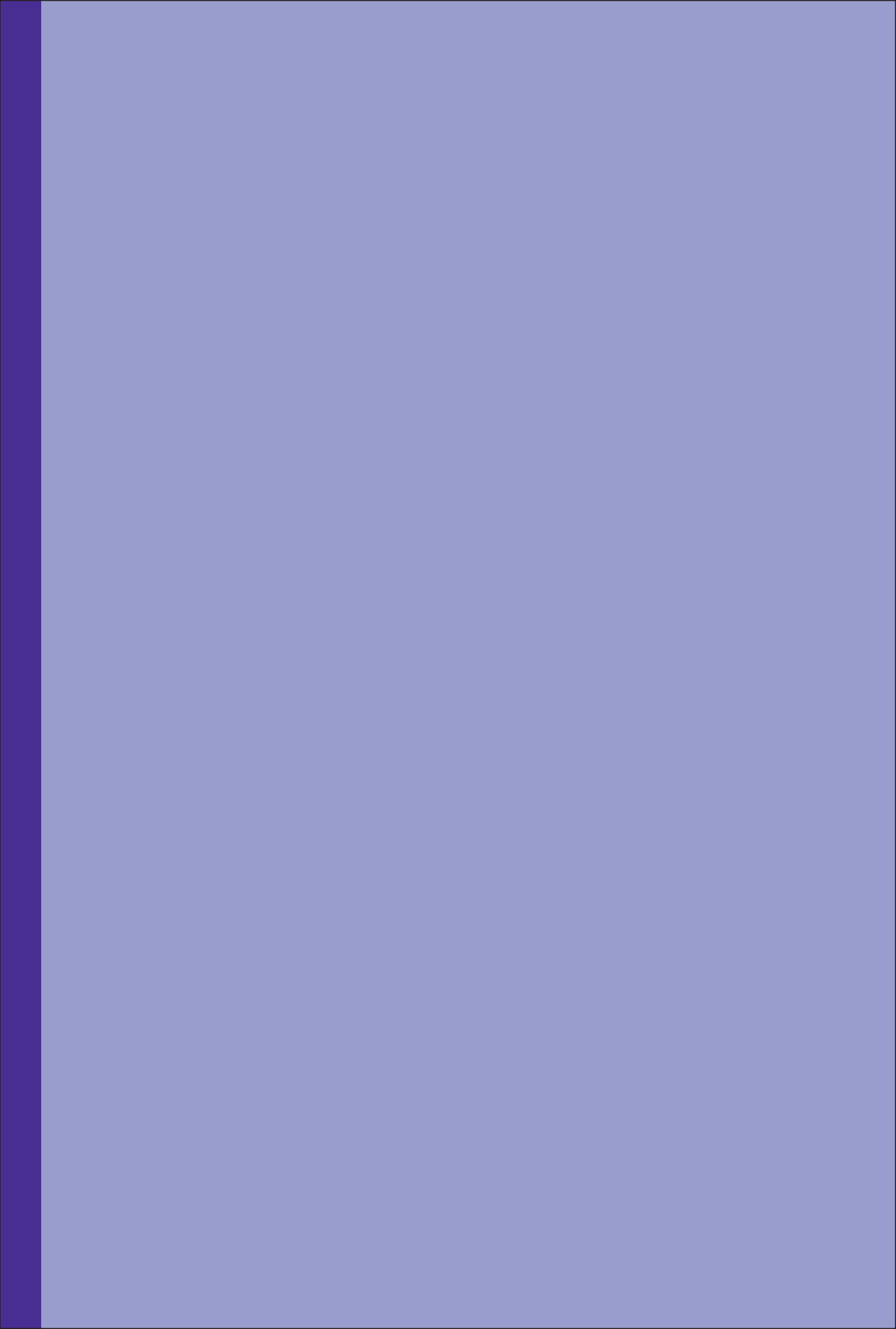
and professional degrees may be of the color corresponding to the trimming on the hoods. Special caps — befeater caps — are worn at Kenyon by the trustees. This type of cap is also used by some European universities.

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 wearers received their degrees. 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.





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