

Bates College
The One Hundred Forty-first Commencement
Senior-Faculty Dinner



Lewiston, Maine
Thursday, May the Twenty-fourth
Two Thousand and Seven
At Quarter past Seven in the Evening
The Clifton Daggett Gray Athletic Building

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Program

Welcome

Jill N. Reich
Dean of the Faculty

Dinner

Opening Remarks

Jill N. Reich

Presentation of the Class Gift

Keith Darnell Kearney Jr.
Rakhshan Zahid
Senior Class Co-Presidents

Kristin Nicole Barber
Carter Robin Casner
Senior Class Gift Chairs

Recognition of Retiring Faculty

Elaine Tuttle Hansen
President

Faculty Address

Rebecca M. Herzig
Women and Gender Studies

Senior Address

Sarah Chandler Sprague

Concluding Remarks

Jill N. Reich

*The flags displayed tonight represent the countries of citizenship of
the faculty and the members of the Class of 2007.*

The Senior Honors and Awards

THE COLLEGE KEY

Formed in 1992 by merger of the College Club, a men's graduate organization founded in 1891, and the Bates Key, an honorary alumnae organization established in 1936. Members are selected by alumni members of the organization on the basis of academic standing, character, campus and community service, leadership, and future promise. The College Key renders service to current and future students of the College by awarding annual scholarships, endowing two scholarship funds, and providing assistance for special projects of benefit to the College community. Elected to the College Key are:

Vaibhav Bajpai
Kristin Nicole Barber
Ainur Begim
Monique Janiel Brown
Sean Michael Cahill
Benjamin Wah Chin
Elizabeth Shaftal Cohen
Ryan Humphrey Creighton
Akiko Doi
Katherine Ann Franklin
Sara Harris Gips
Julio Alexander Guevara
Nakeisha Natasha Gumbs
Marsha Catherine Larned
Brooke Mary Miller
Eric Ofosu Obeng
Zachery Paul Ray
Lois Anissa St. Brice
Robert Douglass Stockwell
Gabrielle Elise Voeller
Michael James Wilson
Rakhshan Zahid

THE DRAKE R. BRADLEY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Established in 2005 by Drake R. Bradley, Professor of Psychology from 1973 to 2003, this award recognizes the graduating senior whose research thesis is deemed to be the most promising by a committee of the faculty. Nominated students must have attained the highest level of excellence in their senior research, resulting in a thesis with a substantial likelihood of being published:

Courtney Marie O'Farrell

THE DRAKE R. BRADLEY AWARD IN STATISTICS

This award, established by J. Michael Chu '80, honors Drake R. Bradley, who served the College and the Department of Psychology as a faculty member from 1973 to 2003. The award is given to the graduating senior whose thesis or senior project best exemplifies the use of statistical techniques and methodology to address research questions in the student's major, or best illustrates the use of analytical or empirical methods to investigate theoretical issues in applied statistics:

Rachel Lynn Stern

THE RALPH J. CHANCES ECONOMICS PRIZE

Awarded annually to an outstanding senior economics major by the faculty in economics, on the basis of high academic achievement and interest in the field of economics. Given in honor of Professor Ralph J. Chances, a member of the faculty from 1958 to 1988, by faculty and alumni of the College:

Vaibhav Bajpai
Nikolas Daniel Dettman
Nikolay Nikolaev Kostov

THE GEOFFREY P. CHARDE
ART AWARD

Awarded annually by the art history faculty to the senior who best exemplifies great promise and a continually developing interest in the study of art history. Given by the family and friends of Geoffrey P. Charde, Class of 1988, as a memorial to Geoffrey, an art student who died in 1987 while still an undergraduate at the College:

Abigail Lindsay Crispin

COLLEGE KEY MUSIC AWARD

An annual award to the senior men or women whose services to the musical organizations have been most outstanding:

Meghan Elizabeth Burrows Getz
Charles Davis Hely
Peter Nelson Strumolo

WILLIAM H. DUNHAM SR.
LITERARY AWARD

A prize for one or more graduating senior English majors who have displayed excellence in the study of English or American literature, with preference for a student with an interest in and talent for creative writing. Given in honor of William H. Dunham, Class of 1932, member of the Board of Overseers, 1944 to 1967, and Board of Fellows, 1968 to 1979, by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Dunham, their children, Stella D. Lydon, Thomas B. Dunham, Mary Ann Dunham, William H. Dunham Jr., Class of 1963, and their grandchildren:

Kimberly Marie Bell

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program encourages intellectual, professional, and artistic growth in an international setting, and promotes cross-cultural interaction, mutual understanding, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom by awarding major grants for international study to a select number of American college graduates each year:

Kristine Haggblom Goulding

HAROLD NORRIS GOODSPEED JR.,
CLASS OF 1940, AWARD

To be presented annually to the male student who, during the academic year, renders the greatest measure of service to the Outing Club and its activities:

Bennet Hamilton Leon

THE MAUNG MAUNG GYI AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN POLITICS

Awarded annually by the politics faculty to a senior major who has shown excellence in his or her studies, with preference given for study in comparative politics. The award is given from a fund endowed by Professor Gyi, a member of the faculty from 1967 to 1988:

Nikolas Daniel Dettman

THE ANDREW HAMILL,
CLASS OF 2005,

THESIS PRIZE IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Awarded annually to one or more graduating seniors who, by vote of the faculty of the Department of Anthropology, have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the senior thesis. Funded by an endowment established by Oliver L. Hamill in honor of his son, a 2005 graduate:

Sara Harris Gips

THE PAUL MILLARD HARDY PRIZE

Awarded each year to a senior who will be entering a graduate program in medicine, mathematics, or one of the natural sciences, and who through high achievement in the humanities has demonstrated an awareness of their importance to the study of medicine, mathematics, or the natural sciences. The award is by selection of the faculty:

Akiko Doi

THE WILLIAM HENRY HARTSHORN,
CLASS OF 1866, AWARD

To be given annually at Commencement to the member of the senior class who attains the highest average rank in English literature during his or her junior and senior years. In memory of William Henry Hartshorn, for thirty-seven years a member of the faculty:

Craig Derek Angevine
Michael Brendan Neville-O'Neill
Tim Ryan Walsh

THE RODNEY F. JOHONNOT
GRADUATE AWARD

Awarded each year at Commencement to the senior of that year selected by the faculty as the student most deserving of aid in the further prosecution of his or her studies in professional or postgraduate work in any college or university during the year next ensuing. Established by Rose Abbott Johonnot in memory of her husband, Rodney Fuller Johonnot, Class of 1879:

Monique Janiel Brown

THE LOUIS JORDAN JR.,
CLASS OF 1949, AWARD

Awarded to the graduating geology major whose senior thesis is judged most outstanding by the chair of the Department of Geology:

Nathan William Eichelberger

THE CHRISTOPHER M. LACONI,
CLASS OF 2005, DEBATE AWARD

Given by David and Eileen Laconi in honor of their son, Christopher Laconi '05. This award honors a graduating senior who, through grace, style, and skill, has demonstrated outstanding eloquence in public debate:

Michael Brendan Neville-O'Neill

CHARLES SUMNER LIBBY AWARD

Prize awarded in memory of Charles Sumner Libby, Class of 1876, to one or more seniors who have shown outstanding service to the debate program at Bates:

Ryan Humphrey Creighton
Rakhshan Zahid

THE MILTON L. LINDHOLM
SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

Awarded annually to the senior male and female athletes with the highest academic averages. Established by the College Club in honor of Milton L. Lindholm, Class of 1935, Dean of Admissions for thirty-two years:

Andrew William Tibbetts
Emily Lamont Williams

BENJAMIN E. MAYS,
CLASS OF 1920, AWARD

Awarded to the senior who most exemplifies the values of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Class of 1920, in academic excellence, service to others, and moral leadership. This prize was endowed with a gift from Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr., a trustee of the College and W. E. B. Du Bois Professor of the Humanities and chair of the Department of Afro-American Studies at Harvard University:

Monique Janiel Brown

THE R. A. F. McDONALD
GRADUATE AWARD

For a worthy senior to be used toward graduate study in the field of education. Given by Mabel C. McDonald in memory of her husband, Robert A. F. McDonald, a member of the faculty from 1915 to 1948:

Caroline Leigh Walker

ROBERT S. MOYER PRIZE

IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Awarded annually to the graduating senior who, by vote of the faculty of the Department of Psychology, has completed the most outstanding experimental psychology project for a senior thesis. Funded by an endowment established by Catherine A. Lee in honor of her husband, a member of the psychology faculty for thirty-two years:

Kathryn McGoe Doherty

THE ERNEST P. MULLER PRIZE
IN HISTORY

For the graduating history major whose senior thesis is judged most outstanding by vote of the history faculty. The prize is established by history faculty and students in recognition of Professor Ernest P. Muller's thirty-eight years of teaching and service to the Department of History and to the College:

Mariah Pate Pfeiffer

THE MYHRMAN / SWETT AWARD

Awarded annually to one or more graduating seniors whose theses in sociology are deemed the most outstanding by vote of the faculty of the Department of Sociology. Established by Richard Swett in honor of his parents, Robert B. Swett, Class of 1933, and Muriel Beckman Swett, Class of 1930; his aunt, Mildred Beckman Myhrman, Class of 1930; and his uncle, Anders Myhrman:

Bridget Elyse Harr
Kelly Marie Turpin

THE HENRY W. AND RAYMOND S.
OAKES FELLOWSHIP

Awarded to one or more of the best-qualified seniors who at graduation intend to continue their education in the study of law. In addition to demonstrating superior scholarship and an aptitude for success at law school, the recipient should be accomplished in public speaking and/or communication skills. Established by Raymond Sylvester Oakes, Class of 1909, in memory of his father, Henry Walter Oakes, of the Class of 1877, a member of the Board of Overseers for thirty-four years:

Ryan Humphrey Creighton

SCOTT PEURA MEMORIAL PRIZE
IN CHEMISTRY

Awarded annually to a graduating senior working in chemistry who exemplifies the scholar-athlete qualities that Scott Peura, Class of 1990, embodied. The award is made by faculty members in the Department of Chemistry, who give preference to graduating chemistry majors who have, during their years at Bates, balanced academic achievement, thesis research, and participation in varsity athletics:

Christopher Stone Theile

MARCY PLAVIN DANCE AWARD

Awarded annually to the senior who has shown exceptional dedication to, and passion for, dance. Created in 2000 by the alumni of the Bates College Modern Dance Company to honor their friend and mentor, Marcy Plavin, lecturer emerita in dance and founding director of the dance program:

Meredith Alynn Sallee

THE WILLIAM HAYES SAWYER JR.,
CLASS OF 1913, AWARD

An award to a senior woman who has rendered outstanding service to the Outing Club:

Maria Hutchins Jenness

THE SENSENEY MEMORIAL AWARD

To the student who has shown outstanding creative ability and promise in writing and/or the dramatic arts. Created by the friends of William Stewart Senseney, Class of 1949, a member of the Robinson Players:

Dane Justin Cunningham

THE ABIGAIL SMITH AWARD

Awarded in honor of Abigail Smith, dormitory director from 1953 to 1957, to the senior man and the senior woman, not residence coordinators, who have done the most to contribute constructively to dormitory spirit:

Eric Ofosu Obeng
Jennifer Kilcarr Stasio

THE STANGLE AWARD IN ECONOMICS

Awarded to the graduating economics major whose senior thesis is judged most outstanding by vote of the faculty in the Department of Economics. This award is funded by an endowment established by Bruce E. Stangle, Class of 1970, and Emily J. Stangle, Class of 1972:

Bentley Crawford Clinton
Rachel Lynn Stern

THE JOHN TAGLIABUE PRIZE FOR CREATIVE WRITING

This prize, named in honor of poet and Professor Emeritus John Tagliabue, who served the College for more than thirty years, honors excellence in creative writing. First awarded in 2003, the prize is given to a student or students whose work in poetry or prose is judged the most outstanding by faculty in the Department of English:

Kyle Evan Curtis
Marian Laura Goddard
Clare Rose Magneson

TECHNOS INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

Awarded to a graduating senior who has shown outstanding academic performance and a commitment to the cause of international understanding:

Alicia Gabrielle Dessain

THE GAROLD W. THUMM PRIZE IN POLITICS

To be awarded to that graduating politics major whose senior thesis is judged to be the most outstanding in empirical politics by vote of the faculty of the Department of Politics. Created by Edward Wollenberg, Class of 1985, in recognition of Professor Thumm's twenty-six years of teaching and service to the department and to the College:

Jeanethe Helen Falvey

CLAIR E. TURNER AWARD

Awarded to students who have shown in the preceding year the greatest forensic ability and integrity in public debate. Income derives from a fund established by Clair E. Turner, Class of 1912:

Vaibhav Bajpai
Rachael Nicole Pool

RICHARD V. WAGNER PRIZE IN PSYCHOLOGY

This award is given annually to the graduating psychology major who, by vote of the faculty of the Department of Psychology, has completed the best thesis or project on issues related to peace, conflict resolution, or social justice. The prize was established by the psychology faculty in recognition of Professor Wagner's thirty-four years of teaching and service to Bates, including twenty-five years as chair of the department:

Amanda Blake Peters

THE THOMAS J. WATSON
FELLOWSHIP

The Thomas J. Watson Foundation in 1968 inaugurated a fellowship program that enables college graduates of unusual promise to engage in the initial postgraduate year of independent study and travel abroad. The program is administered in cooperation with fifty-four outstanding private colleges and universities throughout the United States in a national competition. The Watson Fellows must demonstrate integrity, intelligence, the capacity for leadership, and potential for creative achievement and excellence within a chosen field:

Khoa Anh Pham

PERCY D. WILKINS
MATHEMATICS AWARD

In honor of Professor Percy D. Wilkins, a member of the Bates faculty from 1927 to 1968. Awarded each year to a senior majoring in mathematics who has achieved the highest rank in studies undertaken in mathematics:

Katheryn Marie Black

WILLIS AWARD

For excellence in reading from the biblical record. Established by Dr. Ellen A. Williamson of Los Angeles, California, in memory of her father, the Reverend West Gould Willis, Class of 1871:

Benjamin Wah Chin
Mireille Ikirezi

THE ALFRED J. WRIGHT
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARD

Given annually to one or more seniors who have completed outstanding theses in a foreign language, from a fund endowed by Professor Alfred J. Wright, a member of the faculty from 1956 to 1984. The seniors are chosen by a committee of foreign-language faculty:

Monique Janiel Brown
Nicholas Coolidge Rice

PHI BETA KAPPA

The following seniors have been elected to membership in the Gamma of Maine Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, oldest Greek letter society in the United States, and the organization widely recognized as conferring on the national level the highest undergraduate academic honors:

Vaibhav Bajpai
Ainur Begim
Ava Marie Bessel
Katheryn Marie Black
Aleksandra Lyubomirova Brakalova
Allison Enfield Caine
Melissa Chiu Chen
Benjamin Wah Chin
Alexander Leete Chou
Laura Helen Clarkson
Adrian Julia Cohen
Lillian Frances Conover
Matthew Allen Consigli
Alana Julia Corbett
Ryan Humphrey Creighton
Abigail Lindsay Crispin
Sara Prewitt Culver
Deanna Lyn D'Entremont
Alicia Gabrielle Dessain
Nikolas Daniel Dettman
Kathryn McGoe Doherty
Akiko Doi
Casey Brian Doyle
Jonathan Paul Dunn
Graham Reid Enos
Katherine Alexa Farmer
Meghan Elizabeth Burrows Getz
Kay Marie Gonsalves
Arda Gucler
Sara Jill Gusky
Jacob Harold Johnston
Nikolay Nikolaev Kostov
Ann Elizabeth Lovely
Jacob Alexander Mark
Michael Brendan Neville-O'Neill
Courtney Marie O'Farrell
Mariah Pate Pfeiffer
Casey Daren Pfitzner
Samantha Emilie Piro

Michal Pothuis
Nicholas Coolidge Rice
Alexandria Renee Salton
Elizabeth Colleen Scannell
Jamie Jennifer Silverman
Rachel Lynn Stern
Andrew William Tibbetts
Kelly Marie Turpin
Stephen Parker Tyler
Aubrey Erin Van Kirk
Alicia Christina Voukides
Caroline Leigh Walker
Tim Ryan Walsh
Leyi Wang
Leonard Charles White
Emily Lamont Williams
Michael James Wilson
Catherine Leigh Zimmermann

SIGMA XI

In recognition of their independent research accomplishments, the following seniors have been nominated to membership in the Southern Maine Club of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, a North American honor society founded in 1886 to reward excellence in scientific research and to encourage interaction among scientists in all fields:

Meredith Leigh Anderson
Aleksandra Lyubomirova Brakalova
Rashel Jaelyn Burton
Melissa Chiu Chen
Laura Helen Clarkson
Melissa Dean Coito
Lillian Frances Conover
Abigail Susan Dalton
Akiko Doi
Keith Michael Egan
Nathan William Eichelberger
Graham Reid Enos
Lucas Samuel Feinberg
Melissa Lucille Geddes
Kay Marie Gonsalves
Ryan Joseph Griffin
Maria Hutchins Jenness
John Allan Klumpp
Stephanie Blair LeBourdais

Bennet Hamilton Leon
Christopher Olaf Leonards
Ann Elizabeth Lovely
Jacob Alexander Mark
Taegan Alworth McMahon
Brooke Mary Miller
Gaylord Carlyle Noblitt IV
Courtney Marie O'Farrell
Zaw Min Oo
Lauren Leslie Philbrook
Samantha Emilie Piro
Jessica Catherine Ricker
Kyle William Rogers
Madelyn Nora Rubin
Meagan Bridget Ryan
Lois Anissa St. Brice
Allison Marie Sawyer
Elizabeth Colleen Scannell
Ann Eleanor Speers
Rachel Lynn Stern
Christopher Stone Theile
Aubrey Erin Van Kirk
Gabrielle Elise Voeller
Leyi Wang
Joseph Bayard Warren
Christine Louise Woll

BATES SCHOLAR-ATHLETE SOCIETY

The Bates Scholar-Athlete Society honors graduating seniors who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or have received special nomination from the faculty for outstanding academic achievement in their junior and senior years, and who have participated in a varsity sport for a minimum of three years:

Meredith Leigh Anderson
Martin Vaclav Benes
Mary Elizabeth Bucci
Jennifer Anne Caban
Laura Helen Clarkson
Patrick Filipe Conway
Katherine Alexa Farmer
Griffin Alexander Finan
Katherine Lynne Forester
Katherine Ann Franklin
Sara Harris Gips

Laura Jane Harris
James Frederic Hauschild
Lauren Elizabeth Jacobs
Gary Chun Nam Kan
Gregory Ben Little
Ann Elizabeth Lovely
Jacob Alexander Mark
Peter Leggett Meisel
Hannah Elizabeth Meyer
Kathryn McCallum Moore
Megan Lindsay Petry
Gabriel Johnson Plourde
Alissa Carol Praggastis
Kyle Thomas Rushton
Elizabeth Colleen Scannell
Julia Allison Shelkey
Sarah Chandler Sprague
Andrew William Tibbetts
Gabrielle Elise Voeller
Rebecca Lynn Westlake
Emily Lamont Williams

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Awarded each year to those qualified members of the senior class who undertake and satisfactorily complete a program of independent study within their major program or department.

Vaibhav Bajpai
Honors in Economics

Kristin Nicole Barber
Honors in Sociology

Kimberly Marie Bell
Honors in English

Ava Marie Bessel
Honors in Rhetoric

Emily Jean Bright
Honors in Politics

Monique Janiel Brown
Honors in Spanish

Mary Elizabeth Bucci
Honors in Politics

Allison Enfield Caine
Honors in Environmental Studies

Melissa Chiu Chen
Honors in Neuroscience

Benjamin Wah Chin
Honors in Politics

Amadi Sulaiman Cisse
Honors in African American Studies

Adrian Julia Cohen
Honors in Sociology

Ryan Humphrey Creighton
Honors in Religion

Abigail Lindsay Crispin
Honors in Art and Visual Culture

Sara Prewitt Culver
Honors in Women and Gender Studies

Abigail Susan Dalton
Honors in Mathematics

Nikolas Daniel Dettman
Honors in Politics

Kathryn McGoe Doherty
Honors in Psychology

Akiko Doi
Honors in Biological Chemistry

Casey Brian Doyle
Honors in Religion

Nathan William Eichelberger
Honors in Geology

Lucas Samuel Feinberg
Honors in Biology

Meghan Elizabeth Burrows Getz
Honors in French

Sara Harris Gips
Honors in Anthropology

Kay Marie Gonsalves
Honors in Biological Chemistry

Deirdre Anne Goode
Honors in History

Ryan Joseph Griffin
Honors in Psychology

Sara Jill Gusky
Honors in African American Studies

Bridget Elyse Harr
Honors in African American Studies
Honors in Sociology

Charles Davis Hely
Honors in Music

Cassie Monette Herbert
Honors in Religion

Lauren Elizabeth Jacobs
Honors in English

Maria Hutchins Jenness
Honors in Geology

Jacob Harold Johnston
Honors in Politics

Rebecca Mead Kilborne
Honors in Rhetoric

Nikolay Nikolaev Kostov
Honors in Economics

Hannah Rose Kusnitz
Honors in Anthropology
Honors in Environmental Studies

Bennet Hamilton Leon
Honors in Geology

Ann Elizabeth Lovely
Honors in Chemistry

Erika Shields Millstein
Honors in Biology

Michael Brendan Neville-O'Neill
Honors in English
Honors in Philosophy

Courtney Marie O'Farrell
Honors in Biological Chemistry

Mariah Pate Pfeiffer
Honors in History

Casey Daren Pfitzner
Honors in History

Michal Pothuis
Honors in Economics

Kathryn Ann Rodden
Honors in Asian Studies

Jenny Elizabeth Sadler
Honors in Psychology

Lois Anissa St. Brice
Honors in Environmental Studies

Benjamin Woodside Schrier
Honors in History

Jamie Jennifer Silverman
Honors in Art and Visual Culture

Ann Eleanor Speers
Honors in Biology

Peter Nelson Strumolo
Honors in Music

Jaleh Azzam Taheri
Honors in Politics

Kelly Marie Turpin
Honors in Sociology

Stephen Parker Tyler
Honors in Mathematics

Tim Ryan Walsh
Honors in English

Carine Warsawski
Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies

Samuel Leopold Welles
Honors in Music

Rebecca Lynn Westlake
Honors in English

Leonard Charles White
Honors in Psychology

Emily Lamont Williams
Honors in Psychology

Michael James Wilson
Honors in American Cultural Studies

Christine Louise Woll
Honors in Biology

Robert Charles Yamartino Jr.
Honors in History

Catherine Leigh Zimmermann
Honors in French

