

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



Lewiston, Maine
Thursday, May the Twenty-eighth
Two Thousand and Nine
At Quarter past Seven in the Evening
Commons

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Program

Welcome

Jill N. Reich
Dean of the Faculty

Dinner

Opening Remarks

Jill N. Reich

Presentation of the Class Gift

Timothy Scott Gay
Arsalan Suhail
Senior Class Co-Presidents

Brianna Haas Belanger
Tatum Eve Fraites
Senior Class Gift Chairs

Recognition of Retiring Faculty

Elaine Tuttle Hansen
President

Faculty Address

John Richard Cole

Senior Address

Mackenzie Wellin King

Concluding Remarks

Jill N. Reich

The flags displayed tonight represent the countries of citizenship of the faculty and members of the Class of 2009.

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:

Isabel Smith Alexander
Humphrey Lincoln Benedict
Erin Elizabeth Bond
Emily Archer Chandler
Sulochana Chaturangani Dissanayake
Donelle J. Durham
Tatum Eve Fraites
Timothy Scott Gay
Samuel Kennedy Hewett
Stephanie Marie Howson
Linda Nora Lam
Jacob Hamilton Lewis
Sabrina Miess
Sam Nagourney
Jacob Devin Nudel
Eric John Pier
Ana Nicole Rodriguez
Rachel Paula Salloway
Rose Rector Dunivin Schwab
Paul Edwin Suttter
Walter Ricardo Weisskopf
Thomas Oliver Wesson

THE LELAND AND CLAUDINA BECHTEL FUND

Awarded annually to the students who have given significant community service to a local nonprofit agency:

Hannah Lynne Giasson
Devin Shaughnessy Wigler

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:

Stephanie Delude Connors

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:

Anne Goullaud Mueller

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:

Joseph Chandler Williams

COLLEGE KEY MUSIC AWARD

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

Griffin Nils Peterson

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:

Sophie Tinkham Nelson

HAROLD NORRIS GOODSPEED JR.,
CLASS OF 1940, AWARD

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

Brodie Patrick O'Brien

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:

Michael Benedict Schiraldi

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:

Jacob Devin Nudel

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:

Emily DeWitt Grant

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:

Kristen Mary Hewitt

THE DALE HATCH AWARD

Given to a senior to honor outstanding leadership in and service to the Robinson Players:

Kolby Joslin Hume

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:

Megan Sarah Arnold

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:

Geoffrey Michael Shaughnessy

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:

Alexandra Deanne Goldstein
Matthew Patrick Martone

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:

Thomas Oliver Wesson

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:

Jessica Anne Adelman
Tierney Erin Tobin

THE ROBERT S. MOYER
AWARD FOR PREVENTION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Given by Catherine A. Lee in honor of her husband, Robert S. Moyer, a member of the psychology faculty for thirty-two years, this award supports work by a Bates student related to the prevention of domestic violence:

Tamara Gökğür Wyzanski

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:

Rachel Pelle Ogilvie

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:

Rebecca Grace Wason

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:

Sarah Katherine Blomstedt
Sadie Lynn White

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:

Emma Brown-Bernstein

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:

Jennifer Mary Marino

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:

Kelly Lynn Griffin
Kimberly Diane Russell

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

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

Caroline Bartlett Piper

THE SENSENEY MEMORIAL AWARD

To the student or students who have 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:

Alexandra Deanne Goldstein
Alicia Catherine Oas
Anna Allinson Webster-Stratton

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 resident coordinators, who have done the most to contribute constructively to dormitory spirit:

Tatum Eve Fraites
Timothy Scott Gay

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:

Anna Demetra Yalouris

THE WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW
AWARD

In honor of the witness and legacy of William Stringfellow '49, the Office of the Multifaith Chaplain annually recognizes the achievements of a student whose life and work has been dedicated to the promotion of peace and justice. Award winners are distinguished by their courageous and sustained commitment to redressing the systemic, root causes of violence and social injustice and their dedication to engaging and opposing "the powers and principalities" of this world:

Rachel Paula Salloway

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:

Zachary John Kornfeld
Sophie Tinkham Nelson

TECHNOS INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

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

Matej Kenda

THE GAROLD W. THUMM PRIZE
IN POLITICS

To be awarded to that graduating political science 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:

Molly Elizabeth Ritner

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:

Daniel Franklyn Bousquet
Jared Michael Levy

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:

Isabel Smith Alexander

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 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:

Sulochana Chaturangani Dissanayake

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:

Nyan Lynn Aung
Alexander Machado Jorge (*Honorable Mention*)

WILLIAMS FAMILY PRIZE
IN POPULATION OR
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Established by the family, friends, and colleagues of Anne D. Williams, Professor Emerita of Economics, in recognition of her service to the economics department and the College from 1981 to 2008. The prize recognizes a junior or senior for outstanding original research in population or environmental studies:

Stuart Keebler Ryan

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:

Donelle J. Durham
Rose Rector Dunivin Schwab

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:

JiYeon Glass
Matej Kenda
Matthew Patrick Martone

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:

Jessica Anne Adelman
Ilana N. Adler-Bell
Isabel Smith Alexander
Mark Richard Andrews
Nyan Lynn Aung
Timothy Michael Ayotte
Alice Elizabeth Bergen
Erin Christine Bonney
Daniel Franklyn Bousquet
Emma Brown-Bernstein
Sophia Louisa Budianto
Gent Carrabregu
Hiu Man Christine Chiu
Kelsey Jo Clements
Mira Shoshana David
Sulochana Chaturangani Dissanayake
Samuel Tyler Evans-Brown
Julie Christine Farugia
Jennifer Ashley Foster
Amanda Suzanne Galban
Hannah Lynne Giasson
Alexandra Deanne Goldstein
Emily DeWitt Grant

Emma Gabrielle Halas-O'Connor
Allison Ann Hartrich
Kristen Mary Hewitt
Stephanie Marie Howson
Yuanyuan Jiang
Alexandra Lee Kelly
David James Kelly
Michelle Nicole Ladonne
Jacob Hamilton Lewis
Benjamin Gladding Linder
Kate Louise Lyczkowski
Molly Katharine Madzellan
Ariane Laura Mandell
Matthew Patrick Martone
Sabrina Miess
Julie Allison Miller-Hendry
Matthew Daniel Morgan
Emily Margaret Morrill
Anne Goullaud Mueller
Christopher James Murray
Sophie Tinkham Nelson
Hwei Ling Ng
Jacob Devin Nudel
William Gregory Prins Jr.
Brooks Nathaniel Amos Puchner
Molly Elizabeth Ritner
Jon Branden Rosenberg
Fionna Kathleen Sherwin-Murray
Gregory Lee Sousa
Katelyn Elizabeth Stetler
Paul Edwin Sutter
Amy Melissa Tamarkin
Maren Elisabeth Vouga
Leslie E. Wade IV
Rebecca Grace Wason
Madeline Claire White
Anna Demetra Yalouris

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:

Megan Sarah Arnold
Nyan Lynn Aung
Erin Elizabeth Bond
Emily Archer Chandler
Naomi Sandra Dimon
Allison Everts Earon
Julie Christine Farugia
Maura Bernice Foley
Jennifer Ashley Foster
Miranda Suzanne Gallo
Emily DeWitt Grant
Justin Dwight HoShue
Brian Andrew Klein
Benjamin Samuel Levin
Caitlin Marie McMahon
Kristen Ann Meyers
Dana Jean Oster
Adam Ross Ratner
Elizabeth Seton Rogers
Kimberly Diane Russell
Stuart Keebler Ryan
Erin Austin Sienkiewicz
Nicholas Joseph Swerdlow
Leslie E. Wade IV
Madeline Claire White
Kristen Marie Young

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:

Isabel Smith Alexander
Mark Richard Andrews
Megan Sarah Arnold
Caryn Lynn Benisch
Thomas Marshall Bowden
Deacon Howard Chapin
Leah Alexandra Citrin
Samuel Tyler Evans-Brown
Hope Pearce Fleming
Samuel Myles Geller
Alexandra Deanne Goldstein
Tara Marie Higgins
Bailey Marie Johnson
Nathan Sill Kellogg
Jennifer Mary Marino
Matthew Patrick Martone
Caitlin Jean Murphy
Christopher James Murray
Timothy Doyle Natriello
Duane Maj Pelz
Nicole Claire Wahle Ritchie
Charles Alexander Russell
Jessie Katherine Smith
Dillon Bingman Tung
Leslie E. Wade IV
Walter Ricardo Weisskopf
Amy Laurel Werblin
Sarah Kerlin Young

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:

David Rixey Al-Ibrahim <i>Honors in Rhetoric</i>	Miranda Suzanne Gallo <i>Honors in Neuroscience</i>
Megan Sarah Arnold <i>Honors in Geology</i>	Hannah Lynne Giasson <i>Honors in Psychology</i>
Nyan Lynn Aung <i>Honors in Physics</i>	Gretchen Schott Grebe <i>Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies</i>
Timothy Michael Ayotte <i>Honors in Philosophy</i>	Emma Gabrielle Halas-O'Connor <i>Honors in History</i>
Elizabeth Anne Billington <i>Honors in Philosophy</i>	Benjamin Patrick Horgan <i>Honors in Religious Studies</i>
Erin Ann Bliss <i>Honors in Psychology</i>	Alexandra Lee Kelly <i>Honors in English</i>
Daniel Franklyn Bousquet <i>Honors in Philosophy</i>	David James Kelly <i>Honors in Philosophy</i>
Emma Brown-Bernstein <i>Honors in American Cultural Studies</i>	Amy Lee Lareau <i>Honors in Anthropology</i>
Sophia Louisa Budianto <i>Honors in Music</i>	Benjamin Gladding Linder <i>Honors in History</i>
Christopher Graham Carlson <i>Honors in English</i>	Kate Louise Lyczkowski <i>Honors in Music</i> <i>Honors in French</i>
Gent Carrabregu <i>Honors in Political Science</i>	Ariane Laura Mandell <i>Honors in East Asian Studies</i>
Emily Archer Chandler <i>Honors in Geology</i>	Matthew Patrick Martone <i>Honors in Political Science</i>
Leah Alexandra Citrin <i>Honors in Psychology</i>	Julia Taylor Merriman <i>Honors in Anthropology</i>
Maura Bernice Foley <i>Honors in Geology</i>	Matthew Daniel Morgan <i>Honors in Political Science</i>
Jennifer Ashley Foster <i>Honors in Neuroscience</i>	Christopher James Murray <i>Honors in Philosophy</i>

Elizabeth Lee Nelson
Honors in History

Leslie E. Wade IV
Honors in Physics

Jacob Devin Nudel
Honors in Anthropology

Rebecca Grace Wason
Honors in History

Rachel Pelle Ogilvie
Honors in Psychology

Emma Rachael Weisser
Honors in Spanish

Dana Jean Oster
Honors in Geology

Madeline Claire White
Honors in Physics

Michael Brinley Petrick
Honors in Political Science

Joseph Chandler Williams
Honors in Art and Visual Culture

Michael Everett Pickoff
Honors in Environmental Studies

Brooks Nathaniel Amos Puchner
Honors in Philosophy

Molly Elizabeth Ritner
Honors in Political Science

Jon Branden Rosenberg
Honors in History

Stuart Keebler Ryan
Honors in Biology

Anne Corr Sheldon
Honors in Philosophy

Alexis Mary Smith
Honors in English

Paul Edwin Sutter
Honors in Political Science

Nicholas Joseph Swerdlow
Honors in Biological Chemistry

Maren Elisabeth Vouga
Honors in Psychology

