

Bates College  
The Class of 2009  
Baccalaureate Service



Lewiston, Maine  
Saturday, May the Thirtieth  
Two Thousand and Nine  
Two O'Clock  
The Coram Library Quadrangle



In keeping with Bates' history of commitment to a just and civil society, the Baccalaureate Committee has adopted the "Graduation Pledge of Social Responsibility," inviting all in the class to sign and to wear green ribbons on their robes.

In choosing to commit themselves to the pledge below, students from the Class of 2009 join those from more than a hundred colleges and universities nationwide. It is not a prescription but rather a choice, allowing new graduates the opportunity to decide for themselves what it means to be socially and environmentally responsible: it signifies a sustained dedication to social consciousness and civic action.

In the past, pledge takers have turned their words into action in a variety of ways, from seeking gender parity to establishing recycling programs, to extending conflict resolution services into underserved communities. The pledge thus provides a grounding point from which students may strive to maintain not only the immediate knowledge and skills of an undergraduate education but social and civic values as well.

## Graduation Pledge of Social Responsibility

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which I work.

# The Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate service derives from the medieval European custom of presenting the candidates for the degree of Bachelor (*bacca*) with laurels (*lauri*) of sermonic oration. Prefiguring tomorrow's Commencement, today's ceremony is a service of worship that celebrates and gives thanks for lives dedicated to learning and wisdom.

A religious and spiritual event planned and led by members of the Class of 2009, this service reflects the breadth of faith traditions represented in the Class. Ritually marking the close of the undergraduate years, Baccalaureate provides an occasion to remember that we do not belong only to ourselves and that our true vocations, our deepest callings, are discovered only by committing ourselves to the service of the common good. In gratitude and reverence for those sacred vocations, as numerous and as diverse in their particular expressions as the members of this Class, we gather this afternoon to remember, to rejoice, and to give thanks.

## The Art

The artwork adorning the ceremony has been created by members of the Class of 2009, coordinated by Elizabeth Mitchell.

## The Procession and Recession

The procession and recession of the Class embrace the ceremony and symbolically embody the rite of passage that this service celebrates. Together, they offer a prayer in motion.

## The Archways

The Class of 2009 processes and recesses under archways adorned with prayers, poems, and blessings offered by their family members. May the hopes and longings expressed on these cards be carried on the wind to all the places the graduates find themselves after leaving Bates. (For ease of viewing, all the cards have been scanned into the Web site of the Multifaith Chaplaincy: [www.bates.edu/chaplaincy.xml](http://www.bates.edu/chaplaincy.xml). Click on the link for Baccalaureate Blessings.)

## The Litany of Students

Written by members of the Senior Class, the litany recalls both the distinct and shared experiences of the Class of 2009 and speaks of their common values and hopes.

## The Litany of Parents and Guardians

Composed by members of the Senior Class from responses by parents and guardians to a series of questions: What do you remember about the day your child was accepted to Bates? What was the weirdest phone call you received from your child while at Bates? The best? The worst? What have you learned about life from your child during your child's years at Bates? What memory of your child is especially precious to you? What wisdom, well-wishes, hopes, concerns, assurances, etc. would you like to share with your child as your child graduates?

## The Interfaith Blessing

The blessing is composed and read by students from the Class of 2009, who represent Protestant Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Unitarian Universalist, Hindu and Buddhist faiths and traditions.

# Order of Celebration

## **Prelude**

*The Senior Band*

## **\*Processional**

“Bitter Sweet Symphony” (Jagger-Richards-Ashcroft)

*The Senior Band and Folk Group*

## **\*Gathering Prayer**

*Bill Blaine-Wallace and Emily Wright-Timko*

## **An Acknowledgement of Loved Ones Not in Attendance**

*Molly Ladd*

## **An Offering in Song**

*The Northfield Seniors*

## **Co-President Address**

*Timothy Gay*

## **An Offering of a Poem**

*Sarah Codraro*

## **Staff Address**

*Shannon Fournier*

## **An Offering in Dance**

Dancers: *Kelly Griffin, Kolby Hume, Jacob Lewis, Svitlana Orekhova,  
Elizabeth Rogers, Kimberly Russell and Irene Wood*

Music: Nickodemus “Desert Dancer” (Monteiro; arr. DeSimone)

## **President’s Address**

*Elaine Tuttle Hansen*

## **An Offering in Song**

“Music During Our Years: A Medley”

*The Senior Band*

## **Co-President Address**

*Arsalan Suhail*

## **An Offering in Song**

*Senior A Cappella Ensemble*

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

**Litany**

*Read by Doug Badrigian, Katelynn Bell, Beth Billington, Lisa D'Oyen, Maura Foley,  
Alexandra Kirsch, Michelle Ladonne, Kyle Madden, Madeline McLean,  
Eliza O'Neil, Emily Sampson and Paul Sutter*

**An Offering in Song**

*“Somewhere Over the Rainbow” (Arlen-Harburg)  
Patty Schoen P'09  
Accompanied by Tim Wallace*

**An Offering of Engagement**

*“Graduation Pledge of Social Responsibility”  
(Graduation Pledge Alliance)  
Lucy Neely*

**Interfaith Blessing**

*Composed and offered by Beth Billington, Sulochana Dissanayake,  
Donelle Durham, Abhishek Kumar, Rachel Salloway, Rose Schwab and Arsalan Suhail*

**\*Recessional**

*The Senior Folk Group*

*The Class of 2009 recesses.*

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

# Members of the Class of 2009 Participating in the Service

## *Baccalaureate Planning Committee*

Beth Billington  
Tim Gay  
Tyler Infelise  
Alexandra Kirsch  
Molly Ladd  
Grif Peterson  
Elizabeth Rogers  
Rachel Salloway  
Rose Schwab  
Arsalan Suhail

## *With:*

Bill Blaine-Wallace, *Multifaith Chaplain*  
Emily Wright-Timko, *Associate Multifaith Chaplain*

## *The Senior Band*

Tom Bowden  
Sophia Budianto  
Tommy Denby  
Alex Downs  
Alex Hernandez  
Alex Kapelman  
Grif Peterson  
Brooks Puchner  
Nick Swerdlow

## *The Senior Folk Group*

Beth Billington  
Daphne Braden  
Sarah Hemenway  
Molly Ladd  
Sydney Perkins  
Janneke Petersen  
Rose Schwab

## *The Senior A Cappella Ensemble*

Ryan Boyer  
David Brustlin  
Carola Cassaro  
Joe Drury  
Sam Evans-Brown  
Chris Hemberger  
Tyler Infelise  
Josh Lake  
Amy Lareau  
Jacob Lewis  
Lisa McClellan  
Dylan Mogk  
Matt Paul  
Brooks Puchner

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Russell Richie  
Stuart Ryan  
Jessie Sawyer  
Alexis Smith  
Jason Tschlis  
Molly Wolkin

*The Baccalaureate Dancers*

Kelly Griffin  
Kolby Hume  
Jacob Lewis  
Svitlana Orekhova  
Elizabeth Rogers  
Kimberly Russell  
Irene Wood

*The Litany Authors and Readers*

Doug Badrigian  
Katelynn Bell  
Beth Billington  
Lisa D'Oyen  
Maura Foley  
Alexandra Kirsch  
Michelle Ladonne  
Kyle Madden  
Madeline McLean  
Eliza O'Neil  
Emily Sampson  
Paul Sutter

*The Parents and Guardians Litany Organizers*

Rachel Salloway and Emily Wright-Timko

*Author and Presenter of Poem*

Sarah Codraro

*Baccalaureate Interfaith Blessing Participants*

Beth Billington  
Sulochana Dissanayake  
Donelle Durham  
Abhishek Kumar  
Rachel Salloway  
Rose Schwab  
Arsalan Suhail

*Social Responsibility Pledge Organizer*

Molly Ladd

Graduation Pledge Alliance: [www.graduationpledge.org](http://www.graduationpledge.org)

**Officers of the College Participating in the Service**

Elaine Tuttle Hansen, *President*

Bill Blaine-Wallace, *Multifaith Chaplain*

**Special Thanks to**

William Bergevin, *Landscape Coordinator, Physical Plant*

Camille Buch, *Manager of Design Services, Communications and Media Relations*

Heather Bumps '97, *Assistant to the President*

Martha Deschaines '75, *Office Coordinator, Office of the Multifaith Chaplaincy*

Doug Hubley, *Staff Writer, Communications and Media Relations*

Physical Plant Staff

James Reese, *Associate Dean of Students*

Emily Wright-Timko, *Associate Multifaith Chaplain*

Vantiel Duncan, *Junior Class Marshal*

Daniel Gimbel, *Junior Class Marshal*





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