Commencement

Angell Field • Saturday, June 12, 2021 • 10 a.m.
The College Mace

The tradition of having a mace carried by the first person in an academic procession dates from the earliest days of the cathedral schools of Bologna, Paris and Oxford. The mace used in formal academic processions at Kalamazoo College has a unique history. For Christmas of 1859, the College’s students presented a gold-tipped walking stick to the institution’s first president, Dr. James Andrus Blinn Stone. Dr. Stone’s great-grandson, Webster J. Jones, presented the walking stick to the College in 1986. It has become a tradition at Kalamazoo College for the Stone walking stick to be carried by the head faculty marshal who precedes the president of the College in academic processions. The tradition serves as a formal reminder of the forward thinking, courage, scholarship and community involvement that have characterized the College since its founding.

Land Acknowledgement

We gather on the land of the Council of the Three Fires – the Ojibwe, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi. Indigenous nations of the Great Lakes region are also known as the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-nah-bay), or original people, and their language is Anishinaabemowin (Ah-nish-nah-bay-mow-in). We acknowledge the enduring relationship that exists between the People of the Three Fires and this land.

Kalamazoo Alma Mater

Words by R.F. Holden, Class of 1907          Music by W.F. Dunbar, Class of 1924

1. O, Kalamazoo, our faithful friend, We offer thee a song,
2. When these dear scenes are left behind No fortune can subdue
3. When age has decked our heads with white And youth has ceased to glow,

To praise the home where friendship blend The times of long ago.

O, sacred refuge and most hallowed place, Where hope and joy renew,
O then, Kalamazoo, shall beauties of the past Enrich our souls anew,

With tightening grip and brightening face that speak thy love, Kalamazoo.
Dark storms may come, cold blasts may chill But friendship e’er will stay.
And while our earthly vigils last, The watchword is Kalamazoo.
Processional

Invocation
The Rev. Elizabeth Hakken Candido ’00
College Chaplain

Call to Commencement
Jorge G. Gonzalez, President

Remarks
S. Si Johnson ’78
Chair, Board of Trustees
Jonathan Cunningham ’84
President, Alumni Association Engagement Board
Rosella LoChiro ’20
Class of 2020 Speaker

Honorary Degree
Charlotte H. Hall ’66
Presenter
S. Si Johnson ’78, Trustee

Keynote Speaker
Charlotte H. Hall ’66, Trustee

Presentation of Degree Recipients
Danette Ifert Johnson, Provost
Nicole Kragt, Registrar

Charge to the Class of 2020
President Gonzalez

Alma Mater
Kalamazoo College Singers, Directed, Arranged, and Recorded by Professor, Christopher J. Ludwa

Benediction
The Rev. Candido ’00

Recessional

Faculty Marshals: Michele Intermont, Lanny Potts, Shanna Salinas, Jan Tobochnik
The Kalamazoo College Class of 2020

Bekhzod Akilov
Anthony Ali
Kristen Amyx-Sherer
Georgie Andrews
Grant Anger
Nicholas Angerman
Hunter Angileri
Taylor Ashby
Harper Bailey
Cecilia Barkume
Grace Barrett
Christine Bartels
Alana Bartley
Cameron Bays
Nicole Baza
Thomas Beaubien
Logan Beck
Benjamin Behrens
Sage Benner
Brigette Berke
Riya Bhuyan
Tanner Blyly
Gabriel Bosco
Amelia Brave
Williamsburg Brophy
Brooke Burnell
Christian Buterakos
Madison Butler
Xiu Cai
Madison Campbell
Dylan Calloway
Micaela Campos
Shannon Carley
Justin Carlson
Marissa Castellana
Amy Cazier
Claire Cebelak
Kyle Ceci
Sharmin Chauhdry
Deana Chavarria
Keerthi Chekuri
Lizi Chin Chih
Nutsa Chin Chih
Lakshya Choudhary
Iffat Chowdhury
Anna Christinidis
Paige Chung
Yeonsuk Chung
Paige Coffing
Carmen Compton
Travis Coop
Valentina Cordero
Carolyn Coulter
Austin Cramer
Cameron Crothers
Conall Curran
Peter Czajkowski
Mansi Dahal
Sejal Dahiya
Addie Dancer
Amelia Davis
Julia Davis
Robert Davis
Zoe Davis
Fabien DeBies
Gina DeGraaf
Mattie Del Toro
Charles DesJardin
Anna Dornak
Karina Duarte
Carley Dziewicki
Madeline Earl
Abraham Ellison
Anais Emory
Liam Ferrand
Anders Finholt
Nicholas Firstenburg
Miranda Flores-Tirado
Matthew Flotemersch
George Fludas
Sydney Fracassi
Corin Frantz
Sierra Fraser
Brenden French
Liam Fries
Erik Funke
Anna Gambetta
Leslie Garcia
Amanda Gardner
Brendan Gausselin
Cory Gensterblum
Vasileios Georgopoulos
Sarah Gerendasy
Joshua Gibson
Jacob Gilhaus
Anthony Giovanni
Nebyiat Girma
Melissa Gomez
Dominic Gonzalez
Mya Gough
Shadajah Grandberry-Payton
Malachi Greenstone
Maya Gurfinkel
Yuridia Gutierrez-Garcia
Kyle Hahn
Kalli Hale
Caryn Hannapel
Laura Hanselman
Martin Hansknecht
Haley Harris
Alyssa Heitkamp
Daniel Henry
Mireli Hernandez
Christopher Herrera
Eduardo Herrera
Jesse Herrera
Sophia Hill
Brett Hines
Kento Hirakawa
Mathew Holmes-Hackerd
Alyssia Homminga
Annabelle Houghton
Kaspar Hudak
Ralph Humes
Amiee Hutton
Li Li Huynh
Aliyah Jamaluddin
Patrick Jarvis
Jelena Jenkins
Maria Jensen
Johanna Jeung
Guilliana Jew
Jade Jiang
Euhyun Joh
Jilia Johnson
Kelly Johnson
Jaylin Jones
Kendall Kaptur
Maria Katsaraki
Alexander Kaufman
Donald Kearns
Nicholas Kelley
Jackson Kelly
Mitchell Kennis
Dahwi Kim
Gyeongho Kim
Hazel Kim
Elizabeth Knox
Sydney Kowalski
Alexander Kracht
Nicholas Kraeuter
Julia Kresch
Matthew Krinock
Charlie Krone
Ethan Kubik
John Kunec
Megan LaCombe
Neelam Lal
William Lamping
Zoe Larson
Yale Lash
Sebastian Lawler
Binny Lee
Michael Lee
Jiazhun Liu
Junhao Liu
Rosella LoChirco
Jacob Lopez Pink
Lezlie Lull
Samuel Maddox
Madisyn Mahoney
Anna Majewski
Eletherios Manopoulos
Thibaut Martinon
Tia Martins
Samuel Matthews
Kevin McCarty
Meryl McDonnell
Courtney McGinnis
Daisy McLaughlin
Tori McNett
Nicholas Middleton
William Mierz
Monica Miranda-Malerva
Elizabeth Mitchell
Armina Mkrtchian
Faizan Mohammed
DeShawn Moore
Tamara Morrison
Ryan Mulder
Elizabeth Munoz
Ravi Nair
Kyle Neuner
Alaya Neville
Joseph Ney-Jun
Sara Nixon
Shukrani Nsenga
Madeline Odom
Evan O’Donnell
Mariana Olson
Michael Orwin
Michael O’Sullivan
Yansong Pan
Karina Pantoja
Boemin Park
Chae Rin Park
Melissa Pasillas
Cayla Patterson
Caleb Patton
Ranya Perez
Uyen Pham
Jared Pittman
Priya Pokorzynski
Sarada Prasad
Zachary Prystash
Hannah Pszenica
Bruno Quirino Pereira
Abdullah Qureshi
Erin Radermacher
Hannah Rainaldi
Md Mashroor Elahi Raiyan
Elioenai Ramirez Quinones
Valentina Ramos
Harrison Ramsey
Zachary Ray
Victorialyn Regan
Benjamin Reiter
Emiliiana Renuart
Dulce Reyes Martinez
Trevor Rigney
Danna Robles-Garcia
Orly Rubinfeld
Isabella Russo
Conor Ryan
Shiva Sah
Loveleen Saini
Juninho Sanchez
Marlyn Sanchez
Danielle Sarafian
William Sargent
Harriet Sauger
Margaret Schaefer
Faruq Schieber
William Schneider
Hannah Scholten
Zoe Sergeant
Yasamin Shaker
Riley Shepherd
Jenna Sherman
Douglas Shipp
Arun Shrestha
Nathan Silverman
Simran Singh
Jordan Skidmore
Sidni Smith
Adam Snider
Cesar Soria
Leonardo Sota
Shane Spink
Simona Stalev
Gabriel Stanley
Katherine Stewart
Riley Stewart
Grant Stille
Austin Straley
Owen Strenski
Claudia Stroupe
Fiona Summers
Nicholas Suquett
Vikram Surendran
Jacob Sytniewski
Jack Tagget
William Tait
Mio Taylor
Phillip Tham
Victoria Thamman
Josiah Thomas
Courtney Thompson
Noah Thornton
Leah Todd
Madison Triplett
Ethan Tucker
Matt Turton
Fiza Uddin
Gabriel Ugarte
Marcela Valdivieso
Cynthia Valentin
Madison Vallan
Adriana Vance
Meghan VanHoutte
Raphaela Varella
Andrew Vasquez
Christopher Vennard
Ashley Ver Beek
Tran Vo
Aiden Voss
Liam VosWilliams
Evan Voyles
Katryn Walsh
Thomas Waltz
Bei Wang
Lingkun Wang
Yeuyang Wang
Madeline Ward
Rachel Wasserman
Brandon Webb
Zhi Nee Wee
Justin Wesley-Johnson
Sarah Whitfield
Annarosa Whitman
Basha Williams
Donovan Williams
Blake Willisson
Mars Wilson
Marjorie Wolfe
Robin Wolfe
Raen Wolmark
Julia Woods
J’Quan Woodson
Emily Worline
Robert Wright
Jessie Xerri
Ray Xiao
Elle Yeffeth
Austin Yunker
Sophia Yurdin
Julie Zabik
Chi Zhang
Agron Ziberi
Amy Zhu
Senior Awards and Honors

The Lilia Chen Award in Art
Georgie Andrews
Mattie Del Toro
Miles Greenstone
Elioenai Ramirez Quiñones
Chi Zhang

The George Eaton Errington Prize
Sierra Fraser

The Lillian Pringle Baldauf Prize
in Music
Joshua Gibson
Jenna Sherman

The Fan E. Sherwood Memorial Prize
Orly Rubinfeld

The Music Department Certificate of Distinction
Logan Beck
Micaela Campos
Anna Christinidis
Boemin Park
Marcela Valdivieso
Madeline Ward
Sophia Yurdin

The Margaret Upton Prize in Music
Sophia Yurdin

The Cooper Award
Maria Jensen

The Ruth Scott Chenery Award
Sophia Hill
Alysia Homminga
Mars Wilson

The Irmgard Kowatzki Theatre Award
Alysia Homminga

The Chinese Outstanding Achievement Award
Li Li Huynh

The Clara H. Buckley Prize for Excellence in Latin
Annabelle Houghton

The Provost's Prize in Classics
Madeline Ward
Annabelle Houghton

The Departmental Prize in Greek
Brenden French

The Joe Fugate Senior German Award
Matthew Flotemersch

The Japanese National Honor Society, College Chapter
Xiu Cai
Isabella Yeffeth

The Alliance Francaise Prize in French
Valentina Cordero
Julia Woods

The Senior Spanish Award
Matthew Krinock
Dulce Reyes Martinez
Elioenai Ramirez Quiñones
Jenna Sherman

The David Strauss Prize in American Studies
Adelaine Dancer
Adriana Vance

The Griffin Prize
Emiliana Renuart

The Elwood H. & Elizabeth H. Schneider Prize
Pham Thu Uyen

The Mary Clifford Stetson Prize
Mio Taylor

The Dwight and Leola Stocker Prize
Karina Pantoja

The James Bird Balch Prize
Adelaine Dancer

The History Department Award
Adelaine Dancer
Anders Finholt

The Department of Philosophy Prize
Johanna Jeung

The Hodge Prize in Philosophy
Rosella LoChirco

The Marion H. Dunsmore Prize in Religion
Justin Carlson
Alysia Homminga
Cayla Patterson

The H. Lewis Batts Prize
Madisyn Mahoney

The Robert Bzdyl Prize in Marine Biology
Brigette Berke

The William E. Praeger Prize
Amelia Davis
Kento Hirakawa
Simran Singh

The American Chemical Society Certified Degree in Chemistry
Kristen Amyx-Sherer
Hunter Angler
Amelia Brave
Sydney Fracassi
Amanda Gardner
Mya Gough
Christopher Herrera
Jaylin Jones
Yale Lash
Thibaut Martinon
Kevin McCarty
Courtney McGinnis
MD Mashroor Elahi Raiyan
Victorialyn Regan
Victoria Thamann
Christopher Vennard

The Annual Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry
Taylor Ashby

The Annual Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry
Austin Cramer

The Annual Undergraduate Award in Inorganic Chemistry
Christopher Vennard

The Annual Undergraduate Award in Organic Chemistry
Mya Gough

The Professor Ralph M. Deal Endowed Scholarship for Physical Chemistry Students
Leonard Sota

The Outstanding Chemistry Student from Kalamazoo College
Sara Nixon
Christopher Vennard

The Lemuel F. Smith Award
Christopher Vennard

The Kurt Kaufman Fellow
Amanda Gardner
Mya Gough
Matthew Krinock
Kevin McCarty
Christopher Vennard
Tran Vo

The Provost Prize in Computer Science
Samuel Maddox

The Thomas O. Walton Prize in Mathematics
Dahwi Kim

The Clarke Benedict Williams Prize
Austyn Cramer
Michael Orwin
Madeline Ward

The John Wesley Hornbeck Prize
Benjamin Behrens
Erin Radermacher

The George Acker Award
Jared Pittman

The Hornet Athletic Association Award
Grant Stille

The Mary Long Burch Award
Georgie Andrews

The C.W."Opie" Davis Award
Tanner Byly

The Knoechel Family Award
Brenden French
Erin Radermacher

The Tish Loveless Award
Elizabeth Munoz

The Catherine A. Smith Prize in Women's Athletics
Laura Hanselman

The Raymond L. Hightower Award
Mireli Hernandez
Leslie Garcia

The Robert and Karen Rhoa Prize in Business
Georgie Andrews

The Robert and Karen Rhoa Prize for Outstanding SIP
Anthony Giovanni

The William G. Howard Memorial Prize (Busi & Econ)
Georgie Andrews
Jade Jiang
Zachary Ray
Adam Snider

The Provost Prize in Economics
Caryn Hannapel
Adam Snider

The E. Bruce Baxter Memorial Award
Adriana Vance

The William G. Howard Prize (Political Science)
Nutsa Chinchilakashvili
Joseph Ney-Jun

The Eugene P. Stermer Award
Sarah Gerendasy

The Marshall Hallock Brenner Prize
Carmen Compton
Beil Wang
The Xarifa Greenquist Memorial Psychology Dept Award
Marissa Castellana
Miranda Flores-Tirado
Armina Mkrtchian
Meghan Van Houtte

The Richard D. Klein Senior Award in Psychology
Tia Martins
Yasamin Shaker

The Donald W. Van Liere Prize (research)
Armina Mkrtchian

The Donald W. Van Liere Prize (coursework)
Sage Benner
Marissa Castellana
Carmen Compton
Amelia Davis

The Catherine A. Smith Prize in Human Rights
Karina Pantoja
Meghan VanHoutte

The Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Prize
Charlie Krone

The Gordon Beaumont Memorial Award
Yasamin Shaker

The Henry and Inez Brown Award
Mya Gough
Mathew Holmes-Hackerd
Rosella LoChirco
Elizabeth Munoz
Erin Radermacher

The Virginia Hinkelman Memorial Award
Jilia Johnson

The Babette Trader Campus Citizenship and Leadership Award
Elizabeth Munoz
Jared Pittman
Orly Rubinfeld

The Maynard Owen Williams Memorial Award
Mansi Dahal
Madeline Earl
Caryn Hannapel
Tamara Morrison
Ranya Perez
Jenna Sherman

The Mary Jane Underwood Stryker Center Moses Kimball Scholars
Leslie Garcia

The Mary Jane Underwood Larry Bell Scholar
Yasamin Shaker

The Mary Jane Underwood Stryker LaPlante Civic Engagement Scholars
Anthony Dougherty
Kevin McCarty

The Senior Leadership Recognition Award
Kristen Amyx-Sherer
Riya Bhuyan
Madison Butler
Lakshya Choudhary
Ifat Chowdhury
Paige Chung
Adelaine Dancer
Leslie Garcia
Joshua Gibson
Melissa Gomez
Mya Gough
Alyssa Heitkamp
Daniel Henry
Li Li Huynh
Jilia Johnson
Rosella LoChirco
Madisyn Mahoney
Anna Majewski
Kevin McCarty
Elizabeth Munoz
Ravi Nair
Karin Pantoja
Orly Rubinfeld
Yasamin Shaker
Simran Singh
Matt Turton
Madison Vallan
Adriana Vance
Andrew Vasquez
Donovan Williams

Honors in the Major Department

Anthropology and Sociology
Sharmeen Chaudhry
Elizabeth Munoz
Ranya Perez

Art
Georgie Andrews
Mattié Del Toro

Biology
Brigette Berke
Ifat Chowdhury
Amelia Davis
Kento Hirakawa
Mathew Holmes-Hackerd
Elizabeth Knox
Madisyn Mahoney
Madeline Odom
Victorialyn Regan
Danna Robles-Garcia
Margaret Schaefer
Simran Singh
Claudia Stroupe
Zhi Nee Wee

Business
Georgie Andrews
Valentina Cordero
Yeonsuk Chung
Cory Gensterblum
Greg Kearns (Donald)
Anthony Giovanni
Simona Stalev

Chemistry
Kristen Amyx-Sherer
Hunter Angileri
Amanda Gardner
Mya Gough
Jaylin Jones
Matthew Krinock
Kevin McCarty
Courtney McClain
Sara Nixon
Victorialyn Regan
Jacob Sypniewski
Madison Vallan
Christopher Vennard

Classical Civilization
Annabelle Houghton

Computer Science
Fabien Debies
Joshua Gibson
Zoë Larson
Sam Maddox
Michael Orwin

Critical Ethnic Studies
Uyen Pham

Economics
Jade Jiang
Zach Ray
Adam Snider

English
Karina Pantoja
Emiliana Renuart

German Studies
Matthew Flotemersch

History
Adelaine Dancer

Mathematics
Austin Cramer
Michael Orwin

Music
Jenna Sherman
Marcela Valdivieso

Political Science
Adriana Vance

Psychology
Marissa Castellana
Martin Hansknecht
Haley Harris

Religion
Justin Carlson
Cayla Patterson
Alysia Mara Farrell Homminga

Spanish Language and Literatures
Kevin D. McCarty
Adam R. Snider

Theatre Arts
Sophia L. Hill
Alysia M. Homminga

Women, Gender and Sexuality
Charlie Krone

Members of Phi Beta Kappa

Hunter S. Angileri
Sage A. Benner
Brigette M. Berke
Ifat Chowdhury
Valentina A. Cordero
Amelia R. Davis
Anders E. Finholt
Amanda J. Gardner
Joshua C. Gibson
Anthony J. Giovanni
Martin D. Hansknecht
Haley L. Harris
Kento A. Hirakawa
Mathew R. Holmes-Hackerd
Maria Katrantzi
Donald G. Kearns Jr.
Charlie Krone
Binny Lee
Rosella G. Lochirco
Madisyn C. Mahoney
Elizabeth L. Munoz
Michael C. Orwin
Erin Radermacher
Zachary L. Ray
Orly H. Rubinfeld
Danielle A. Sarafian
Yasamin S. Shaker
Simran Singh
Adam R. Snider
Grant D. Stille
Madeline R. Ward
Message from Jonathan Cunningham ’84, President, Alumni Association Engagement Board

*Lux Esto*—Be Light!

As you cross the stage during this particularly unique commencement you join generations of K alumni who have spread the light of the Kalamazoo College experience throughout the world. As you begin to chart your future, know that the intellectual challenge, service, and community experienced at K will guide you well as you go forward. Wherever life takes you, stay connected with your classmates and do not hesitate expanding your connections to include our network of over 20,000 alumni in 70 countries through the Alumni Directory kzoo.edu/aluminfo/directory.

Congratulations on graduating from K, and welcome to the Alumni Association.