



Commencement

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

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APRIL 1833

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, Kala- ma- zoo, our faith- ful friend, We of- fer thee a song,
2. When these dear scenes are left be- hind No for- tune can sub- due
3. When age has decked our heads with white And youth has ceased to glow,

To praise the home where friend- ships blend And weld so true and strong.
The chords of love that close- ly bind Our hearts to thee, Ka- zoo.
We'll rev- el in one sweet de- light The times of long a- go.

O, sa- cred re- fuge and most hal- lowed place, Where hope and joy re- new,
Each tree up- on thy fair Ar- ca- dian hill is dear to us for aye.
O then, Ka- zoo, shall beau- ties of the past En- rich our souls a- new,

With tight- 'ning grip and bright- 'ning face that speak thy love, Ka- zoo.
Dark storms may come, cold blasts may chill But friend- ship e'er will stay.
And while our earth- ly vi- gils last, The watch- word is Ka- zoo.

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	Iffat Chowdhury	Amanda Gardner	Jade Jiang
Anthony Ali	Anna Christinidis	Brendan Gaussein	Euhyun Joh
Kristen Amyx-Sherer	Paige Chung	Cory Gensterblum	Jilia Johnson
Georgie Andrews	Yoensuk Chung	Vasileios Georgopoulos	Kelly Johnson
Grant Anger	Paige Coffing	Sarah Gerendasy	Jaylin Jones
Nicholas Angerman	Carmen Compton	Joshua Gibson	Kendall Kaptur
Hunter Angileri	Travis Coop	Jacob Gilhaus	Maria Katrantzi
Taylor Ashby	Valentina Cordero	Anthony Giovanni	Alexander Kaufman
Harper Bailey	Carolyn Coulter	Nebiyat Girma	Donald Kearns
Cecilia Barkume	Austin Cramer	Melissa Gomez	Nicholas Kelley
Grace Barrett	Cameron Crothers	Dominic Gonzalez	Jackson Kelly
Christine Bartels	Conall Curran	Mya Gough	Mitchell Kennis
Alana Bartley	Peter Czajkowski	Shadaijah Grandberry-Payton	Dahwi Kim
Cameron Bays	Mansi Dahal	Malachi Greenstone	Gyeongho Kim
Nicole Baza	Sejal Dahiya	Maya Gurfinkel	Hazel Kim
Thomas Beaubien	Addie Dancer	Yuridia Gutierrez-Garcia	Elizabeth Knox
Logan Beck	Amelia Davis	Kyle Hahn	Sydney Kowalski
Benjamin Behrens	Julia Davis	Kalli Hale	Alexander Kracht
Sage Benner	Robert Davis	Caryn Hannapel	Nicholas Kraeuter
Brigette Berke	Zoe Davis	Laura Hanselman	Julia Kresch
Riya Bhuyan	Fabien Debies	Martin Hansknecht	Matthew Krinock
Tanner Blyly	Gina DeGraaf	Haley Harris	Charlie Krone
Gabriel Bosco	Mattie Del Toro	Alyssa Heitkamp	Ethan Kubik
Amelia Brave	Charles DesJardin	Daniel Henry	John Kunec
Williamsburg Brophy	Anna Dorniak	Mireli Hernandez	Megan LaCombe
Brianna Burnell	Karina Duarte	Christopher Herrera	Neelam Lal
Christiana Buterakos	Carley Dziewicki	Eduardo Herrera	William Lamping
Madison Butler	Madeline Earl	Jesse Herrera	Zoe Larson
Xiu Cai	Abraham Ellison	Sophia Hill	Yale Lash
Madison Campbell	Anais Emory	Brett Hines	Sebastian Lawler
Dylan Calloway	Liam Ferrand	Kento Hirakawa	Binny Lee
Micaela Campos	Anders Finholt	Mathew Holmes-Hackerd	Michael Lee
Shannon Carley	Nicholas Firstenburg	Alysia Homminga	Jiazhen Liu
Justin Carlson	Miranda Flores-Tirado	Annabelle Houghton	Junhao Liu
Marissa Castellana	Matthew Flotemersch	Kaspar Hudak	Rosella LoChirco
Amy Cazier	George Fludas	Ralph Humes	Jacob Lopez Pink
Claire Cebelak	Sydney Fracassi	Amiee Hutton	Lezlie Lull
Kyle Ceci	Corin Frantz	Li Li Huynh	Samuel Maddox
Sharmeen Chauhdry	Sierra Fraser	Aliyah Jamaluddin	Madisyn Mahoney
Deana Chavarria	Brenden French	Patrick Jarvis	Anna Majewski
Keerthi Chekuri	Liam Fries	Jelena Jenkins	Eleftherios Manopoulos
Lizi Chinchilakashvili	Erik Funke	Maria Jensen	Thibaut Martinon
Nutsa Chinchilakashvili	Anna Gambetta	Johanna Jeung	Tia Martins
Lakshya Choudhary	Leslie Garcia	Guilliana Jew	Samuel Matthews

Kevin McCarty	Md Mashroor Elahi Raiyan	Austin Straley	Sarah Whitfield
Meryl McDonnell	Elioenai Ramirez Quinones	Owen Strenski	Annarosa Whitman
Courtney McGinnis	Valentina Ramos	Claudia Stroupe	Basha Williams
Daisy McLaughlin	Harrison Ramsey	Fiona Summers	Donovan Williams
Tori McNett	Zachary Ray	Nicholas Suquett	Blake Willison
Nicholas Middleton	Victorialyn Regan	Vikram Surendran	Mars Wilson
William Mierz	Benjamin Reiter	Jacob Sypniewski	Marjorie Wolfe
Monica Miranda-Malerva	Emiliana Renuart	Jack Tagget	Robin Wolfe
Elizabeth Mitchell	Dulce Reyes Martinez	William Tait	Raen Wolmark
Armina Mkrtchian	Trevor Rigney	Mio Taylor	Julia Woods
Faizan Mohammed	Danna Robles-Garcia	Phillip Tham	J'Quan Woodson
DeShawn Moore	Orly Rubinfeld	Victoria Thamann	Emily Worline
Tamara Morrison	Isabella Russo	Josiah Thomas	Robert Wright
Ryan Mulder	Conor Ryan	Courtney Thompson	Jessie Xerri
Elizabeth Munoz	Shiva Sah	Noah Thornton	Ray Xiao
Ravi Nair	Loveleen Saini	Leah Todd	Elle Yeffeth
Kyle Neuner	Juninho Sanchez	Madison Triplett	Austin Yunker
Alaya Neville	Marlyn Sanchez	Ethan Tucker	Sophia Yurdin
Joseph Ney-Jun	Danielle Sarafian	Matt Turton	Julie Zabik
Sara Nixon	William Sargent	Fiza Uddin	Chi Zhang
Shukrani Nsenga	Harriet Sauget	Gabriel Ugarte	Agron Ziberi
Madeline Odom	Margaret Schaefer	Marcela Valdivieso	Amy Zhu
Evan O'Donnell	Faruq Schieber	Cynthia Valentin	
Marianna Olson	William Schneider	Madison Vallan	
Michael Orwin	Hannah Scholten	Adriana Vance	
Michael O'Sullivan	Zoe Sergeant	Meghan VanHoutte	
Yansong Pan	Yasamin Shaker	Raphaela Varella	
Karina Pantoja	Riley Shepherd	Andrew Vasquez	
Boemin Park	Jenna Sherman	Christopher Vennard	
Chae Rin Park	Douglas Shipp	Ashley Ver Beek	
Melissa Pasillas	Arun Shrestha	Tran Vo	
Cayla Patterson	Nathan Silverman	Aiden Voss	
Caleb Patton	Simran Singh	Liam VosWilliams	
Ranya Perez	Jordan Skidmore	Evan Voyles	
Uyen Pham	Sidni Smith	Katryn Walsh	
Jared Pittman	Adam Snider	Thomas Waltz	
Priya Pokorzynski	Cesar Soria	Bei Wang	
Sarada Prasad	Leonardo Sota	Lingkun Wang	
Zachary Prystash	Shane Spink	Yeuyang Wang	
Hannah Pszenica	Simona Stalev	Madeline Ward	
Bruno Quirino Pereira	Gabriel Stanley	Rachel Wasserman	
Abdullah Qureshi	Katherine Stewart	Brandon Webb	
Erin Radermacher	Riley Stewart	Zhi Nee Wee	
Hannah Rainaldi	Grant Stille	Justin Wesley-Johnson	

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 Angileri
Amelia Brave
Sydney Fracassi
Amanda Gardner
Mya Gough
Christopher Herrera
Jaylin Jones
Yale Lash
Thibaut Martinon
Kevin McCarty
Courtney McGinnis
MD Mashroor Elahi Raiyan
Victoria 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

Austin 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 Blyly

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
Bei 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
Iffat 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 Chauhdry
Elizabeth Munoz
Ranya Perez

Art

Georgie Andrews
Mattie Del Toro

Biology

Brigette Berke
Iffat 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 McGinnis
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
Iffat 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. Muñoz
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.

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