

BENNINGTON  
COLLEGE

CLASS OF 2016  
81ST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

JUNE 4, 2016  
BENNINGTON, VERMONT

*"We wanted to emphasize the feelings of triumph  
and joy more than honor or achievement."*

—MARGOT SUTER ROOD '36

Bennington's graduation ceremony has remained fundamentally unchanged since the first class graduated in 1936. The nomination of candidates for degrees by the faculty and the subsequent vote to award the degrees by the trustees have become a tradition.

The planning of the first ceremony aroused great controversy. The faculty, faithful to Bennington's progressive spirit, proposed that there be no ceremony. But the students insisted that they could not be decently graduated without a formal awarding of degrees.

Still, the students wanted their ceremony to signify celebration rather than competitive reward. The proceedings would be simple and brief, and there would be no special awards or singling out of students.

We, the 81st class, continue in this spirit of community.  
We celebrate our graduation with triumph and joy.

## BENNINGTON COLLEGE

81st Annual Commencement ♦ JUNE 4, 2016

*Fanfare "Postal Digit" composed and conducted by graduating  
senior Dale Hoagland '16*

### I. PROCESSION

Alan Kornberg '74, *Chairman, Board of Trustees*

Mariko Silver, *President*

Isabel Roche, *Dean of the College*

Board of Trustees

Faculty

Master of Fine Arts Candidates

Bachelor of Arts Candidates

*"Ceremonial March," composed by the late Louis Calabro,  
former faculty member*

### II. REMARKS

Mariko Silver, *President*

Barbara Alfano, *faculty member*

### III. AWARDING OF DEGREES

### IV. RECESSIONAL

*"Joyful Noise" composed by Michael Wimberly*

Brass Quartet: Thomas Bergeron, Michael Gallagher,  
Gerald Zaffuts, Eric Latini

Bennington percussion conductor Michael Wimberly  
with percussion students Liam Quinn '18, Reid Noble '18,  
Jakub Failing '19

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## 2016

# STUDENT GIFT PROGRAM

Each year, the students make a gift to the College to commemorate their time at Bennington. This year, the Committee decided to change the Senior Class Gift to the Student Gift Program—a program in which students raise money for students. We did this to reflect our efforts at making the program fully inclusive and to welcome ideas from the wider student body.

In the fall, we polled students and elected to focus our fundraising on expanding the Student Gift FWT Scholarship. Our goal is \$5,000, which will add two years to the life of the scholarship established last year, extending it to 2029. Through FWT, the world becomes our campus for seven weeks every year, and we know that these scholarships will make a substantial difference to the classes that follow.

We are excited to announce that as of May 16 we have raised \$3,520 in gifts and pledges. We are hopeful that by the time you are reading this we will have reached our goal. Check our progress at [crowdfunding.bennington.edu](http://crowdfunding.bennington.edu).

Thank you to all who participated in this year's gift!

### Senior Gift Program Committee

**Arden Jordan '16**

**Lindsey Sadlou '16**

**Kirsten Vega Tatterfield '16**

**Olivia Judson '17**

**Amanda Bacon '19**

**Thank you for your participation in the  
2016 Bennington Senior Family Gift Campaign.**

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**We also wish to extend a very special thank you to the families who made  
matching gifts. Because of you we exceeded our goal, and you made all  
senior families feel included.**

*\*This list reflects gifts received as of May 18.*

# BENNINGTON COLLEGE *Candidates for Degrees ♦ June 4, 2016*

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS, DANCE

Mitchell Rue Carson  
\* JP Chandler  
Dai Jian  
Sumedh Chatterjee  
Samuel Wentz  
Madeline L.S. Cole

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Hannah Maria Abbott  
Marina Grace Allen  
Hannah Elisabeth Alongi  
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Eli Braff Back  
Obin Cha Baolo  
Julia E. E. Barstow  
Sharon Batamuriza  
Audre Irene Bennett  
Iris Cline Bennett  
Maryam Benoit  
Fae Mildred Blackmer  
\* Gabrielle Blumenthal  
\* Tate Boley  
Alex Brinkman-Gramigna  
Hannah Louise Brookman  
Olivia Jane Brooks  
Anna Brown  
\* Moriah Browning  
Ananda Rose Brutvan  
\*\* William Buchanan  
Duncan Pierce Bullen  
Samuel James Burhoe  
\* Christopher Harden  
Bussolini  
Douglas Campos  
Julie Cooke  
\* Emily Coning  
\* Cian Banker Costello  
Alexander McCormick  
Curth  
Kiley Lin Dalrymple  
\* Carson J. Davis  
Whitney Marie Davis  
Aminata Searls De Groot  
Nico John Dregni  
\* Brian Dugan  
\* Sonja Einem  
Rivvy Eisenberg  
Andrew Elk  
Max A. Epstein  
Olivia Laurel Errico  
Rocco Pasquale Farano  
\* Samuel Chase Fiedler  
Evan Gall  
Jesse Gates  
Emily Gaynor  
Jeremy Daniel Geragotelis  
Rebecca German  
\* Christopher "Mowgli"  
Giannitti  
Aidan Fanon Gibson  
Thais Glazman  
Sarah Lynn Goone

Joseph Christopher  
Grantham  
Malia Grace Guyer-Stevens  
Patrick Harnett-Marshall  
Phillip Watson Hartunian  
Ned Haweeli  
Rainjana Haynes  
Zoé A. Heegaard-LeGros  
Meghan Boyce Herzfeld  
Dale Marie Hoagland  
\* Aleksander Russell Houk  
\*\* Clea G. Howard  
Kate Howard  
Nicholas Windsor Howard  
Pierce Armstrong Huff  
Kevin Hughes  
Olivia Banwer Hurd  
Sam McRae Irwin  
Taya Fiona Jae  
Timna Jahoda Kligler  
Rebeca Jervis  
Sarah Johnson  
Tayler Jones  
Arden Birch Jordan  
\*\* Roi Karlinsky  
Mackenzie Rumour Katz  
Justine Elizabeth Kefauver  
Kevser Kesici  
Oona Snow Kilcommons  
Molly C. Kirschner  
Maya Eliza Larson Knell  
Aviva Chiara Kornel

Madeleine Rebecca  
Kostman  
Alexander Charles Kouré  
Jackson Hale Kovalchik  
Jake Samuel Landau  
Emma C. Lanning  
Christopher Larsen  
Ruby Lavin  
Sam Lawson  
Nikolina Lazetic  
Nicole Lee  
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Hougham  
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\* Sarah Madden  
Abby Nicole Mahler  
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Alma Carmina Sotelo-Regil  
Márquez  
Lucas Vail Marten  
\* Betsy McCabe  
Jasper McMahon  
Brendan McPherson  
Thomas Isaiah Melvin  
Laura Miller  
Madelyn J. Moberg  
Farah Mohammad  
Jesse Montemurro  
\* Sung-Ryul Moon

Lily Nichols Moore  
Abby Lee Morical  
\* Singer Morra  
Tessalyn Hope Morrison  
\* Kevin Mulvey  
Catherine Rose Murley  
Kieran William Culff Najita  
Rosie Nalle  
Jonah Nigro  
\* Sarah S. Olds  
Ioana Opris  
Isabelle Parker  
Julian Parr  
\* Nicolette Polek  
Dani Melissa Radacosky-  
Pentoney  
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Genya Adelaja Rocca-  
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Ben Simpson  
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Prashansa Taneja  
Brendan Tang  
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Logan Dean Traynor  
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